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## We'll host functions – defiant JB's boss

THE defiant boss of legendary Dudley nightclub JB's will carry on hosting functions despite having his appeal for plans to operate as a banqueting and conference centre thrown out.

Now the owners, who council chiefs say are operating outside planning guidelines, have vowed to remain open.

The rock club, famed for launching the careers of bands and artists, was taken over by businessman Ramesh Ahir after it had entered administration in 2010.

He reopened the Castle Hill venue 12 months ago following a six-figure revamp to transform it into a venue hosting wedding receptions and functions.

But his plans were scuppered when a change-of-use application to allow the nightclub to be used for banquets and conferences was turned down by Dudley Council's planning department in February.

Mr Ahir also lost a subsequent appeal through the Planning Inspectorate which agreed with concerns over a lack of car parking.

Bosses had hoped to use the Dudley Zoo pay and display car park behind the nightclub but zoo chief executive Peter Suddock ruled this out.

Mr Ahir has maintained the club would stay open to host functions.

## Superstore is ready to open

THE £50 million Tesco superstore in Stourbridge was due to open today (Thursday).

Since the explosive demolition of the old car park in Bell Street, and the start of the work to knock down the Crown Centre in April last year, contractors have made quick work of creating the which can be seen by anyone driving along the ring road.

Residents and visitors have eagerly watched as the Tesco Extra store in Stourbridge has taken shape.

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# NOTHING RULED OUT FROM CUTS

**THE cabinet of Dudley Council was meeting this week to see where savings can be made after an extra £32 million worth of cuts, which will see jobs axed and car park charges rise, were announce last week.**

Council leader David Sparks has warned that everything will be looked at. And he said council tax – which has remained frozen for the past three years – will be reviewed, adding he could not rule out a rise.

Bosses will need to make the extra cuts on top of an initially-predicted £26m amount set earlier this year following a huge drop in Government funding.

The council had already planned for up to 334 job losses by 2017, as well as major cuts to its children's services, museums and highways expenditure but Councillor Sparks warned more savings must be found.

### Slump

He said officers will be looking 'at everything' in a bid to fill the massive shortfall, which he says has been caused by the slump in Government funding. Funding is predicted to fall from £74m next year to £40m in three years.

Car park charges are also set to rise over the next three years to help generate much-needed income. They could go up by 10 per cent, following on from a 20 per cent rise in May this year.

Councillor Sparks said: "Services will need to be cut back further and clearly there will need to be a reduction in the workforce.

"We will do everything we can to avoid compulsory redundancies, but we cannot guarantee everyone's jobs when we have such a funding gap proposed by this Government. The whole

system of funding local government will need to be reviewed. It is in crisis."

Asked what his message for the residents in Dudley was, he said: "My intention as the leader of this council is to maintain the fabric and framework of the council, but I accept that we will need to find new ways of providing services and we are now considering our options. My message is that Dudley Council is always doing the best it can in difficult circumstances."

Government funding comes in the form of a Revenue Support Grant. The council's predicted grant was calculated last month and the budgets amended to show a new £32m shortfall at the end of the next three years.

A budget had already been proposed for the next three years with savings of £9m in 2014/15, moving up to £18m by 2015/16 and £26m by 2016/17.

This will go back to the cabinet this week for the required extra savings to be considered. Members will be asked to agree to a voluntary redundancy programme for next year.

Department directors met staff and union representatives last week to present the situation.

Opposition Conservative group leader, Councillor Patrick Harley, said the council had to become 'radical' over cuts.

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## Students showcase artistic talent



Talented, from left, Megan Mason, Akram Mohammed, Lauren Bennett, Adrianna Chojnowska and Mariam Ajmal

Students at a school in Dudley are showing off their artistic sides with more than 140 pieces of work on display.

The exhibition of pictures, sculptures and installations produced by pupils at Castle High School have gone on display to the public.

This is the 11th annual event of its kind to be held at Dudley Museum and Art Gallery, which seeks to find the school's best artists for that academic year.

Susie Griffiths, director of visual arts at the school said: "Putting on this

show prepares many of our students who want to be artist to put on their own exhibition in future. They are not only involved in creating the art but also in putting on the exhibition.

"We are the only school in the borough to show our work at the gallery."

### Quality

Works include a collection of shadow puppets, realistic cakes made from cardboard and a wall of cans, in the style of Andy Warhol which have been designed and produced by more than

400 students aged between 11 and 16 years old.

The teacher who has worked at the school in St James Road for six years added: "The drawing work has always been of a very high quality but I was particularly impressed with the originality and variety of work on display this year."

The free exhibition will remain on display at the gallery in Priory Street until November 30.

For more information call Dudley Museum and Art Gallery on 01884 815575.

## No reason for pub manager to steal

AN assistant manager stole more than £1,800 from the Dudley pub where he worked – but was unable to explain the reason for his actions, a court heard.

Christopher Hall was one of three people responsible for cashing up and banking at the Bostin Fittle, town magistrates heard.

They were told the father-of-one had taken £1,840 between December 30 last year and January 5 this year.

An inquiry was carried out at the Castle Gate pub after the money was found to be missing and Hall, aged 32, of Walford Street, Tividale, had been suspended. The court was told the money had not been recovered.

Hall originally denied theft but changed his plea to guilty in August just before a trial was due to take place.

He was sentenced to a 12-month community order and placed under supervision for the same period on Monday.

Hall was also ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work, pay back all of the money, pay £125 costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

Mrs Hashmita Patel, defending, said: "My client cannot explain what happened. He was upset his colleagues had gone off and left him cash up and the opportunity was there."

She said he had no previous convictions and had never been before a court.

## Switched on with X Factor

X FACTOR favourites Union J and Rylan Clark will perform for crowds gathered at this year's Merry Hill centre Christmas lights switch on. Hundreds are expected at the event which takes place on November 15.

Union J will include their top ten hit Carry You before Rylan performs the switch-on. A fireworks display will finish the event which runs from 5pm to 7pm.

Tickets, which are limited, will cost £1 each with all proceeds going to the Harry Moseley charity Help Harry Help Others.

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## Love-row man jailed for stab attack

A SPURNED lover who stabbed a bystander during a heated argument with his former partner has been jailed for four-and-a-half years.

Steve Jones was holding a door open for the woman when violence flared outside the flats where both lived, a judge heard. Jordan Kerr, was outside the building in Lower Derry Street, Brierley Hill, when she returned in the early hours. Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. He had gone there with a knife to damage her car, Mr Darron Whitehead, prosecuting, said. Kerr, aged 29, had believed she was seeing another man fol-

lowing the break-up. She had phoned ahead to ask neighbour Mr Jones to open the communal door to the flats because it did not have a buzzer, the court heard. Mr Whitehead said: "Mr Jones was not involved in any way. He was merely standing there to let the woman into the building when the defendant walked up and punched him full in the mouth. The men then started fighting."

Kerr, who had been drinking heavily, told police: "He was getting the better of me and I stabbed him. I picked up the knife because I

wanted to damage her car." Mr Neil Skinner, defending, said: "He started the fight but was punched 30 times and retaliated with the knife. It was a totally unnecessary incident."

Mr Jones, who was also bitten on the face, told police: "When we stopped fighting we said 'what the hell was all that about?' and shook hands. Then I realised I had been stabbed." There was a 1cm cut to his abdomen and he was taken to hospital after the January 27 attack.

Kerr, of Ladywood, Birmingham, admitted wounding with intent.

## Fear of a gastric band helps Joanne lose 13st

HER weight had reached 24st 5lbs, she could barely walk up the stairs and suffered with high blood pressure.

But it was the fear of being told that she needed a gastric band to get the weight off that gave Joanne Richards the wake-up call she needed to drastically slim down.

Shunning the dietician's advice she vowed to do it herself – and now, after completely changing her lifestyle, she has dropped an incredible 10 dress sizes.

Nineteen months after vowing to lose weight she says she has a new lease of life and can 'run for miles'.

The civil servant has gone from a size 32 to a slinky size 12 and lost more than 13st, now weighing 10st 12lb.

The mother of one, from Wollasecote, near Stourbridge, said: "Everything's changed, I feel 10 years younger."

Joanne, aged 29, said it was the 'fear' of the surgery which had inspired her to visit a doctor to get advice on how to lose the weight herself.

"I was worried about not being able to live a normal life afterwards, as I love food and eating out, which I could do through a sensible eating plan," she said.

## Amazing

Joanne was referred to a slimming class to help her shed the pounds.

"All my life I had been overweight," she said.

"At the age of 28 I was on high blood pressure tablets, could barely walk up stairs and had acanthosis nigricans – darkening of skin – that had become untreatable," she said.

Soon after starting the slimming sessions, Joanne began to see results. "My first weigh-in showed an amazing loss of 11lb, a really good building block for the rest of my journey," she said.

Her eating habits changed as she made healthier choices.

Joanne said: "I still treat myself as I love chocolate but keep it in moderation."

"I learned to cook from scratch



Joanne Richards before she went on her diet

and to make meals out healthy and still lose weight each week. I can walk comfortably again, and am happy."

She now runs her own Weight-Watchers groups.

"I seemed to be inspiring people, unintentionally – my family all joined WeightWatchers, my friends were joining, and people at my own meeting were asking me for advice,"

she said. "I soon realised this was what I wanted to do."

"I wanted to help others to do what I had done. WeightWatchers has changed everything about me, not only my health but my happiness, confidence and my outlook on life."

"To anyone starting I would tell them to set small goals to keep themselves focused and to not be



The new slimmed down Joanne Richards

scared of the bigger picture and I would say one bad day does not have to end up in a bad week," Joanne added.

Her classes are held at the Royal British Legion, Lower Gornal, on Wednesdays at 9.45am and 6.45pm and at Sedgley Community Church, Sedgley, on Thursdays at 5.30pm. For details email [jrichards@weight-watchers.co.uk](mailto:jrichards@weight-watchers.co.uk)

## Deliveries to be later

SOME residents in Kingswinford will receive their post later because of a shake-up of delivery services by Royal Mail.

Bosses said residents could receive their letters later because of the changes that they currently do, but added that some post could possibly arrive earlier than it does now. The changes affect the DY6 postcode.

Royal Mail said changes were necessary as people are sending fewer letters and more parcels and packages, which are more difficult and heavy to deliver.

They are introducing more vans to take bulkier items to homes in the area. The new delivery routes will be introduced in phases.

Residents and businesses will receive a letter outlining the changes.

## Power cut hits homes

HUNDREDS of homes in Halesowen were hit by a power cut on Friday. Engineers were called to fix the problem and power was restored to most of the homes and businesses hit at 8.40am within an hour.

Western Power Distribution spokeswoman Stella Hayward said the cut affected 800 properties. She added it was believed the problem had been caused by a fault with an underground cable.

Among the properties affected was The Allenbrook Nursing Home, Spies Lane, where power was off for around two hours.

## Porn charge guilty plea

A MAN from Kingswinford has admitted having indecent pictures of children on his home computers. Stephen Martin of Bromley Lane, was found with 580 indecent images of children.

The 44-year-old pleaded guilty to 10 charges of possessing indecent images and three of possessing extreme pornographic images when he appeared at Dudley Magistrates Court last week. He was bailed until a hearing on November 26.

## Bungalows plan

TWO bungalows with three parking spaces will be built on vacant land in Ellowes Road, Gornal, after councillors on Dudley Council's development control committee approved the scheme. There was a letter of support and no objections.

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## Plans for new phase of revamp

PLANS for the second phase of a £1.6 million project to revamp two day centres to help them better serve the needs of residents with dementia have been lodged.

Work has already begun to refurbish and redecorate Brettell Lane Day Centre in Stourbridge.

Now a revamp of Brett Young Day Centre in Halesowen is expected to get under way in January.

Proposals for the work at the site, which caters for around 45 people, have been submitted to be considered by planners.

Dudley Council wants to turn the two centres into 'dementia gateways' to meet the specific needs of people with dementia.

It is part of a wider scheme to improve the support given to the growing number of pensioners diagnosed with the condition.

At Brett Young Day Centre, a new entrance porch, activity and lounge areas will be created. A new sensory and working garden will be also be installed.

Once completed the centre will be able to cater for more people in wheelchairs.

A decision on the planning application is expected in the coming weeks.

## Cash tribute for hospital

THE family and friends of a father-of-two who died aged 40 after a 15 year battle against leukaemia have raised £5,000 in his memory.

The cash, in tribute to Mark Rutter, of Broad Street, Kingswinford, will go to the Coronary Care Unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital. Mr Rutter discovered he had leukaemia only when he broke his ribs while playing football for Enville Athletic and a blood test showed the illness in 1998.

He made a recovery and married his wife Kate in 1999 - but three years later the disease struck again.

## Man's jaw broke

A MAN received a fractured jaw after he was assaulted by another on a bike outside a town hall.

The 38-year-old victim was approached by the attacker on a bike who punched him. The attack happened near Kidderminster Town Hall Vicar Street between 2.30pm and 3pm on October 2. A man has been released on bail.

# Staff fear for jobs when spending axe falls

DUDLEY council staff are 'very afraid for their jobs' after £32million cuts were announced in the borough, say union chiefs.

Borough bosses revealed last week that they need to make the savings on top of an initially-predicted £26m over the next three years after its Government funding was slashed.

Under the initial plan to save £26m, the council had proposed up to 334 job losses by 2017 but it is now feared that many more could be at risk. Andrew Maybury, secretary of the Dudley branch of Unison, said: "We have got serious concerns for our members' jobs and serious concerns for the services that they provide and, whilst we would prefer voluntary redundancies as opposed to compulsory redundancies, we have still got concerns that this would mean a reduction in the levels of service for people living in Dudley."

"People are very afraid for their jobs and feel insecure about what is going to happen to them in the future."

"These are people who have families and people have to plan for the future and pay their mortgages which they can't if they are uncertain about what is going to happen."

"We will provide support for our members in the coming weeks but it is not easy at this stage to say where these extra cuts will come and whether our members will be affected."

Council bosses have said officers will be looking 'at everything' in a bid to fill the massive shortfall in cash.

**Suffered**  
Among the savings already identified are cuts to street cleaning, which will see residents being encouraged to hold their own litter picks, and plans to shorten the collection period for green waste to save £100,000.

Dudley Performing Arts has suffered a cut to its funding in 2013/14 of £178,000, which has led to staff being warned of a redundancy risk.

Residents spoke out over which services they would like to see escape the cuts. Joan Buffey, aged 79, of Broadway in Norton, said: "I think the parks are important - it is something people take great pride in when living in this area."

Reginald Griffith, 65, of West Street in Stourbridge, said: "The roads around here are already terrible, and the footpaths."

# Council warning that cuts will soon have big impact

**TAXPAYERS in Dudley have been given a stark warning to expect more cuts to services as the authority struggles to balance its books in the face of Government cutbacks.**

Council bosses had already drawn up a tough package of savings totalling around £26 million for the next three years.

But now council leaders have revealed they will have to find up to a further £32 million of savings on top of what they had already planned.

Stark warnings were laid out in the budget report set to go before council cabinet members yesterday (Wednesday).

Dudley borough has already been stung by a £3m overspend on budgets for looking after children in care this year.

Officials say that the rising demand for services from social care has led to pressures on children's social care workloads forcing them to spend more to maintain standards.

**Rapid**  
Other pressures predicted include spending more caring for adults with learning disabilities and dementia and an increase in tax paid out on waste going to landfill, which will top £350,000 within three years.

Rapid revisions by council finance officials have already started to take shape since the Chancellor's March budget delivered a blow to local authorities.

Grants from Government are being cut deeper than Dudley Council officials originally assumed - leading to hastily redrawn proposals and a fresh consultation with residents. Next year's

## DNA test proves pet belongs to Ruth



Ruth Parker reunited with Alfie, one of her dogs that were stolen when she was at an animal fair earlier this year

A RELIEVED grandmother from Coseley has been reunited with her chihuahua after getting a DNA test carried out in America to prove she was its owner.

Ruth Parker was left distraught when her two-year-old pet Alfie was stolen at an animal show in Cumbria earlier this year.

But after scouring the internet for months she spotted her pet with a new owner on a Facebook group about the breed, the only problem was proving he was hers.

In what is thought to be a UK first, Mrs Parker, of Norton Crescent, took DNA samples from Alfie's parents, Leo and Fifi, in Worcester.

The samples were flown to America where they were matched with Alfie's DNA - proving the dog belonged to Mrs



Roxy, Ruth's still missing chihuahua

Parker. "It was like living a dream, but at times a nightmare," Mrs Parker said. "I just knew I had to get him back."

Mrs Parker paid £350 for the DNA investigation. It followed discussions with Cumbria Police and her veterinary practice White Cross in Tividale.

Alfie was stolen, along with Mrs Parker's other chihuahua Roxy, from a horsebox at the Appleby Horse Fair in Cumbria in June.

Alfie had been sold to a new owner in Wakefield, Yorkshire, who didn't know he had been stolen and renamed him Jasper. Sadly Roxy is still missing.

Mrs Parker added: "I was so happy to get Alfie back, it was fantastic as I had almost given up hope, but never stopped trying."

"It gives me hope I will get Roxy back too, I won't stop looking," Mrs Parker lives with her children Tammie, Paul and Sian and grandchild Danni.

She paid £500 for Alfie two years ago. She bought Roxy for £700 from an Irish family two years before.

Anyone with information on Roxy can call White Cross on 01384 884141.

## NEWS in brief

### Scheme aims to cut energy costs

PEOPLE worried about increasing energy prices are urged to register for a scheme which could potentially save money on their bills.

Dudley Council has launched its big switch which could secure discounted tariffs if enough people sign up. It is part of a national initiative.

The more who register, the greater the opportunity for a better deal.

The scheme is free to join but there is no obligation to switch if people are not in line for a saving.

The deadline to register is November 18 with the auction on November 19.

### Parking charges to go up by 10pc

CAR parking charges are set to rise in Dudley over the next three years as the council attempts to balance its books.

The council raised its charges by 20 per cent in May this year.

Under the initially proposed budget - which will have to be amended again to clear the £34 million deficit - the council planned to generate £225,000 in parking charges over the next three years. It would mean charges would rise by a further 10 per cent.

### Inquest on man dead under car

A MAN who was found dead underneath his car at work died of asphyxia, an inquest has heard.

Engineer Stephen Paul Millington, who was aged 53 and from Hanley Close in Halesowen, was discovered by his friend and workmate Paul Bate at work in Quarry Bank on October 11.

Reading a statement by Mr Bate, Black Country Senior Coroner Robin Balmain said Mr Bate found Mr Millington underneath his own car. The inquest was adjourned.

### Driver is rescued from car in ditch

A MAN was rescued from his car by firefighters after driving into a lay-by containing 2ft of water following flooding.

Emergency services were called when the middle-aged man got stuck in the lay-by off the A491 near Bromsgrove Road in Belbroughton in Worcestershire last week.

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## THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



**PERRY**, the cross-dressing pottery maker, is a national treasure and his Reith Lectures have been great. The thunderous applause that greeted him as he walked on stage in satin miniskirt and high heels says much for the twin British loves of plain speaking and eccentricity. But I couldn't help wondering how many members of the audience would be quite so thrilled if their daughter brought him home. "Mummy, Daddy, this is Grayson. Daddy, put the shotgun down."

DAMAGES of £15,000. Court costs of £100,000-plus. That's the price of silly Sally Berrow's tweet about Lord McAlpine and it should concentrate the minds of Tweeters everywhere. But it probably won't. The Tweetosphere seems full of people who haven't a clue about the laws of libel and think they can say the most outrageous things about anybody they choose. They can't. The rules on defamation that apply to every newspaper also apply to the internet and social media. So if you wouldn't shout it from a rooftop using a megaphone, then don't tweet it, email it or stick it on your website. Ninety-nine times out of 100 your tweet alleging that someone is a money-launderer, paedophile or Nazi won't even be noticed. But the 100th time, you'll get a writ for libel and it's goodbye life savings. As the Speaker's wife put it: "Mrs Berrow wishes and hopes that as a result of this matter other Twitter users will behave more responsibly." Some hope.

AFTER 30 years of spreading squidgy unsaturated-fat goo on our toast, we are told this week that butter may actually be better for us. According to new research, saturated fats, long regarded as the enemy in the fight against obesity and heart disease, may be innocent. Refined carbohydrates and sugar are the real problem. This at least explains a puzzle I raised recently. Why was it that in the days before soft spreads were invented and we all ate butter, people were slimmer and fitter?

A LOST 15-minute broadcast by David Bowie, featuring views and music from 1973, was unveiled by the BBC this week – on Radio 6 Music. This is the pop equivalent of discovering Tutankhamun's treasure and displaying it at Cromer public library. Bowie deserves better than the backwaters of Radio 6 whose breakfast show host Shaun Keaveny described the coup as "beyond exciting." Beyond belief, more like.

FIRST, Ed Miliband promises an energy price freeze. Next, the energy companies bump up their prices. Spot the connection?

AFTER my recent item on food banks, a volunteer at one tells me that online gambling is a big factor in the plight of many seeking help. One part of my Methodist upbringing I cannot shake off is the belief that gambling is a social evil. Online gambling, endorsed by celebrities and presented as a fun, glamorous activity, brings this evil into the homes of the poor, the desperate and the drunk. Next stop is not a beach in the sun but a trip to the food bank.

A READER brings together two recent threads, the 200th anniversary of Pride and Prejudice, and the dilemma facing women who are expected to take their husband's unfortunate surname (Nutter, Smellie, Glasscock etc). Jane Austen never married but in 1802 she accepted a proposal of marriage from Harris Bigg-Wither. Having slept on it, the next morning she withdrew her acceptance. Austen never explained why but possibly she did not want to be responsible for a dynasty of Bigg-Withers.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

# Flying grandfather has lucky escape

THE pilot of a plane which missed the runway and landed upside down in a field said he feels lucky to be alive.

Sedgley grandfather Terry Gardner was flying his single-seat Cassut Racer plane when an engine fault caused the plane to miss the runway at Wolverhampton Halfpenny Green Airport, Bobbington and land in a nearby field.

Due to the softness of the ground

the plane then flipped – leaving 65-year-old Mr Gardner trapped inside until he was freed by the fire service.

Mr Gardner escaped with only minor injuries and his plane suffered minimal damage in the crash.

Mechanical engineer Mr Gardner, who has been flying for around 15 years said: "It's a real shame about the plane, but I'm very lucky." He added: "It just wasn't producing enough power to maintain altitude

to make it to the airfield. I thought I was going to make it to around half way up the runway, but ended up in a field.

"It wasn't a bad landing, but unfortunately because the ground was so soft and the field had just been ploughed, it caused the plane to turn over.

You exit it via the top canopy, which had the whole weight of the plane on it while it was upside."



The plane which crashed

# Time called on pub as housing plans backed

**A PUB 'surplus to requirements' will be torn down and replaced by homes, after the brewery which owns the building was given approval by Dudley planners.**

Some neighbours of the Yew Tree Inn, Netherton, voiced concerns about the scheme, which they felt could impact on their quality of life.

Marstons Brewery has submitted the application to redevelop the pub in Hockley Lane, to Dudley Council's planning department.

Eleven homes would be built on the land once the pub is demolished, under the plans by the brewery.

The planning committee backed outline plans on Monday. Further details on layout, the appearance of the houses and landscaping will have to be presented at a later date.

## Objection

A statement submitted with the proposal by agents Eclipse Architecture said: "The existing pub has been identified as surplus.

"The proposal is to demolish the existing public house and construct residential dwellings on the land. The site is located on the periphery of Netherton town centre with nearby facilities such as large supermarket, local shops, pubs, post office, etc, all within easy walking distance."

Notices were sent out to 34 neighbours and 15 letters of objection were received.

Some of the complaints centred on the loss of a pub, potential harm to wildlife

and the sizes of the homes relative to existing houses.

One resident said he believed the development was 'totally out of character' to the rest of the buildings in Hockley Lane.

Other residents express concern for the future of wildlife in the area.

"There are foxes, badgers, owls and numerous song birds," said one. "There are also bats in the area which are a protected species."

A letter of support has also been submitted although that also asked for wildlife habitats to be considered as the site is near Saltwells Nature Reserve.

Committee member Tim Wright said: "While I am sympathetic about the loss of this pub at the end of the day in cases like this it is up to the owner of the property what they want to do with the site."

"I can't see any planning consideration, even though I hate to see another pub go, to refuse this application."

Committee chairman Councillor Qadar Zada said: "When the full application comes in we will ensure this scheme is not detrimental and addresses the concerns of residents."

# Band's winter concert

THE Langley Band will be performing its winter concert next month. It will take place at the Barlow Theatre in Spring Walk, Langley on November 27 at 8pm, November 29 at 8pm and November 30 at 7.30pm. The programme will be music ranging from classics, pop and seasonal, and the band will be conducted by musical director Cliff Parker. Tickets are £8 and available from the band secretary on 01384 918547.

## Bags of ideas for new business



Former student Kennedy Glews has set up her own business – Kennedy Jayne

A UNIVERSITY graduate with a passion for fashion has launched her own range of vintage inspired handbags.

Kennedy Glews, aged 23, who was one of the Portas Pilot competition winners and studies at Wolverhampton University has created her first collection of British-made handbags and cushions.

Miss Glews of Cottage Street, Kingswinford, will now display her high-end goods in a shop in the Mander Centre. Once complet-

ing her design degree in September 2012, and embarking on the university's Speed Plus access to business programme, she entered the Portas Pilot competition run by Mary Portas.

Miss Glews' brand called Kennedy Jayne proved a hit with the judging panel. She won £300 to expand her business and the chance to display her goods in a shop.

Her collection will be launched at the Mander Centre on Friday.

# Owners advised to check pets teeth

A VETERINARY practice is warning pet owners not to risk their animals' health by ignoring their teeth.

White Cross Vets, Tividale has recorded a significant increase in the number of pets treated for oral hygiene issues, which staff say could be prevented.

David Hough, clinic director from the Regent Road practice, said: "Many pet owners simply don't understand the importance of good dental hygiene and as a result their pets are suffering and often end up requiring lots of treatment to rectify the problems."

In the UK many people don't view their own dental hygiene as being particularly important so we have a huge educational job to do when it comes to pets' teeth. Regular check-ups for pets are a must to avoid serious consequences to their health."

One dog that was recently treated by White Cross Vets had to have all its teeth removed.

Mr Hough said: "We recently treated a dog that had a horrendous dental disease, he was only five-years-old and unfortunately it was too late to salvage any of his teeth."

"We assessed each tooth on an individual basis and had to remove them all."

"A dog should have its teeth brushed every day and there are plenty of products on the market like chicken flavoured toothpaste that can make the process appealing."

"It's also important to feed your pet a diet with proven dental benefits whilst your vet can also advise on other measures which may be helpful to reduce plaque build-up."

# Autumn fair to raise cash

AN AUTUMN fair is being held at a Sedgley church next Saturday.

St Andrew's Church in Bilston Street will run the event from 10am to 1pm on November 9.

Stalls will include toys and games, plants, crafts, homemade cakes, books, CDs, records, clothes and bric-a-brac.

There will be competitions and refreshments available.

The proceeds will be divided between church funds and charities.

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## Baggies fans best behaved in region

BAGGIES' football fans are the best behaved among West Midlands teams, according to the latest figures.

Across the region more than 200 were arrested throughout last season, with West Brom supporters proping up the list with just 10 troublemakers.

Wolves fans top the list with 65 fans arrested, followed by Birmingham City, with 60. Forty-three Walsall fans were arrested – one more than Aston Villa, which clocked up 42.

The Express & Star obtained the data through a Freedom of Information request from West Midlands Police.

The figures show that the 220 arrests made in the 2012/13 season include accusations of sexual offences, possession of an offensive weapon and assault on a police officer.

The figures present a rise in the numbers, with Home Office data showing 192 arrests were made involving the same five clubs in the 2011/2012 season.

West Midlands Police says troublemakers are dealt with strongly and that 'they will not be tolerated'. Despite a rise in figures, the number of banning orders involving the clubs has fallen, with a total of 196 in place last season compared with 211 in the 11/12 season.

## Rotary rapidly raises £6,000

THE Rotary Club of Kinvor has raised more than £6,000 in just three weeks.

The biggest 'earner' for the club was the annual 10k run and 2k family fun run in aid of Action Heart, which is expected to have brought in almost £3,000 when all the sponsorship comes in.

Rotarians also donated scores of items for the annual harvest auction, including a holiday in Turkey. The auction raised more than £1,600 for the club's general charities fund.

Then the Kinvor club joined the Rotary Club of Hagley to stage a musical evening at Kidderminster Town Hall, featuring the Band of the West Midlands Fire Service and Stourport Choral Society, which raised more than £1,800.

Spokesman Nick Geoghegan said: "To raise so much money in just three weeks is a tremendous feat."

# Drunken man attacked sister and staff at party

A FORMER DJ got drunk at his father's 65th birthday party, lashed out at a pub landlord, headbutted a barmaid and assaulted his sister in a brawl, a court heard.

Police arrived to see Phillip Walters lunge towards his sister Tracy Lummom outside the King William Pub, in Pensnett. They saw him grab her by the hair before they intervened.

Miss Lynda Gudgeon, prosecuting, said Walters had already assaulted pub landlord Chris Brown and staff member Sharon Hartshorne minutes before the attack in the pub car park at 12.15am.

Walters, of Granville Street, Birmingham, pleaded guilty to three charges of assault by beating at a previous hearing.

Chairman of the bench Mr Robert Taylor sentenced him to a 12 month community order with 40 hours unpaid work to be served concurrently for each of the charges.

### Job

He will also have to pay Chris Brown and Sharon Hartshorne £100 and £150 in compensation respectively, a £60 victim surcharge and £85 court costs. But the 28-year-old says he is turning his life around

and giving up his plush Birmingham apartment and his DJ job to move back in with his parents and take a customer services job at the new Tesco store in Stourbridge.

Magistrates heard Walters had gone to the pub, in Pensnett Road, on August 31, to celebrate his father's birthday with family.

Landlord Mr Brown had heard the family members arguing and arrived at the pub toilets to see Walters being dragged out by relatives.

The court was told Mr Brown advised Walters to leave the pub, to which he replied: 'You are not telling me what to do'.

"All of a sudden the defendant has punched him with his left hand to the face," said Miss Gudgeon.

Miss Gudgeon said Walters grabbed Sharon Hartshorne's glasses from her face, headbutted her then threw her glasses away. Mrs Dawn Foxell, defending, said alters he was 'disgusted in his own behaviour' for the assault, especially to the barmaid.

Once outside he pulled his sister's hair after she made a 'disparaging remark' towards him, said Miss Gudgeon.

She added that he had stopped working as a DJ three months ago.

# Jail term suspended for nephew in tragic attack

A NEPHEW whose uncle was killed during a brawl after the pair attacked another man at his Halesowen home has avoided an immediate jail term for his part in the trouble.

Mitchell While and his uncle David Carpenter had attacked Ian Swinburne at his home in Graham Road, on February 3, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Mr Swinburne had stabbed Carpenter to death in self defence during the brawl. He was originally charged with murder, but this was later dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service.

Mr Nicholas Burn, prosecuting, told the court that Mr Carpenter had been in a relationship with Nicola Bennett, but it had ended around last Christmas.

"The deceased had discovered that Nicola Bennett was seeing Mr Swinburne, and that Mr Swinburne had moved in," Mr Burn said.

### Forced

The court heard that on February 3 there had been 'heated' telephone conversations between Mr Carpenter and Miss Bennett, and that in the end Mr Swinburne had become involved.

Mr Burn said there was tension between the two parties, and at around 9pm While and Mr Carpenter decided to travel in a taxi to Mr Swinburne and Miss Bennett's home.

He said: "The two men started banging on the door of the house. The lady of the house decided then to contact the police."

The men then forced their way into the house.

The court heard how the fight spilled towards the conservatory area, at which point Mr Swinburne

by Naomi Dunning

grabbed the bread knife which was on the side in the kitchen.

Mr Burn said: "The men were engaged in significant violence and it's clear during the course of the struggle that the knife was used to inflict injuries, which the crown prosecution service accepts is equivalent to self defence."

Reading from Miss Bennett's statement, Mr Burn added: "Ian looked absolutely petrified. I felt they were going to kill us. 'I was so scared I thought I was going to die.'"

The court heard that it was during the struggle that While punched and bit Mr Swinburne.

While aged 29, of Bodenhall Road, Brandhall, Oldbury, pleaded guilty to using threatening words and behaviour and common assault.

His lawyer said his client's life had 'changed forever'.

Judge Robin Onions told While he had the opportunity to stop his uncle, and said: "You knew what was in his mind, you knew he was bent on violence and you went with him."

He sentenced While to four months in prison suspended for 18 months, supervision for 12 months which includes an alcohol treatment requirement.

He was also ordered to complete 150 hours of unpaid work, pay £350 compensation and £350 costs.

## Joshua's jumping for his big chance



Joshua Hunter, from Oldbury, who has been selected to represent British Gymnastics

A TEENAGE athlete who is making round trips of up to four hours every week to hone his skills at training facilities up and down the country, has been selected to represent British Gymnastics.

Joshua Hunter, of Attlee Close, Tivdale, is an Elite Tumbler and his ability has seen him selected to represent British Gymnastics at the World Championships in Bulgaria next month.

The 16-year-old Dudley College sport student has been developing his

skills by travelling to Revolution Gymnastics Club, Harborne, as well as a gym in Coventry and even as far as Basingstoke where he can use a full-size track to practice his routines.

A proper tumbling track is spring-loaded, trampolene-style, to aid athletes' jumping, and at Basingstoke there is even a more bouncy version for competitors to learn new skills under the watchful eye of one of the national coaches. Joshua, who previously attended Ormiston Sandwell Community Academy, said when he heard that

he was selected he was 'jumping around, screaming in excitement'.

He said: "It is really exciting. My mum, Claudette, is really proud." His coach Robert Owen, aged 24, who is based at Maypole, added: "I was over the moon for him."

In order to make the trip to Bulgaria on November 10, Mr Owen said Joshua needs to raise £1,900 to fund travel, accommodation and his GB kit.

To make a donation visit the website [www.revolutiongymclub.co.uk](http://www.revolutiongymclub.co.uk) or call 0121 249 2210.

## NEWS in brief

### Tree of Life to be launched in town

NAMES and sponsorship are needed for Blackheath's annual Tree of Life fundraiser.

The 12th annual event in Blackheath will be launched next month, when residents can sponsor the name of a deceased loved one to be displayed on information boards across the town. A cherry tree at the Parish Church of St Paul's, on Long Lane, will be lit up.

The initiative from Blackheath Business and Community Association is donating proceeds to The Bridges Support Service, which provides services to cancer patients.

Sponsored names cost £5, and registrations can be made with Mary Docker personally at the town's market, or by writing to Unit 2, Blackheath Market, 65 Birmingham Road, Blackheath, Rowley Regis, B65 0HS.

### Still lots to 'sea' and do at centre

A PROGRAMME of half-term activities is continuing at Dudley Leisure Centre.

The centre in Wellington Road is holding sea themed sessions during the school holidays. The pool will be filled with a large inflatable shark aqua run today (Thursday) from 1.45 to 2.45pm. Sessions taking place in the pool are suitable for children aged eight and over who can swim a minimum of 25m.

The sea world bouncy castle will be in the main hall from 1.45 to 2.45pm today. The session is suitable for children under eight-years-old and must be accompanied by an adult. Both sessions have an introductory price of £2.50 per child and sessions are free for members of the Junior Membership scheme.

### MP calls for more respect in shops

A CAMPAIGN for more respect for shop workers has been backed by Warley MP John Speller.

Retail union Usdaw is calling for more respect for shop staff under the wider Freedom from Fear Campaign, which seeks to prevent violence, threats and abuse directed at retail staff. Their efforts have been backed by Mr Speller MP, at a campaign event which took place the day after the Government blocked a Labour amendment to the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Bill.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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THE local council in Leighton Buzzard has ordered a circus to remove its posters following a complaint from a member of the public who was afraid of clowns. Presumably there will be a similar ban on election posters, then. Because there are plenty of people afraid of those clowns.

THERE was the usual weather warning on the BBC Midlands news on Monday morning, after the region was hit by a bit of wind and a few hours of rain.

"People are advised to only travel in the rush hour if they really have to," was the solemn message from the newsreader. Only if they really have to? As opposed to all the people who head out at 7am on a wet October morning because they fancy a drive?

The only reason anybody goes out in the rush hour is because they have to, and the BBC and Met Office should just come clean, and say exactly what they mean. Which is: "If you work in certain public sector jobs, you can take the day off."

FIGHTING back from accusations that Wolverhampton is a city in decline, town planners unveiled their latest vision for the Princess Street area. Which looks remarkably like Princess Street does now, only with a traffic ban.

So let's get this right. The best way to bring people into our ailing towns and cities is by making them more difficult to get to.

And there was me thinking that the reason why shoppers are flocking to out-of-town retail parks is because people can drive right up to the shops, and stay for as long as they want, without fear of being hassled by zealous officials in ridiculous uniforms.

Well here's a mad suggestion. Why don't our town planners take a leaf out of the out-of-town centres, and try making it easier for motorists?

For example, instead of pedestrianising Princess Street, why don't they get rid of some of the wide footpaths, and create a few extra spaces where people can park outside the shops?

And why not create a bit of extra free, short-stay parking, in some of the existing pedestrianised areas? For what it's worth, I think some of the flak that Wolverhampton has been coping over the last few months is grossly unfair.

More than that, I am a passionate supporter of our town centres, and think the trend towards out-of-town shopping is one of the most depressing and corrosive changes to our communities over the last 20 or so years.

But when we have local authorities who think the answer is to keep traffic away from our towns, it really is hard to see how they can fight back.



Staff Sim Moman, Jayne Budd, Shaun Peace, Alex Wynn and Peter Croxford try the escalator



The Tesco store, as seen from Stourbridge ring road, has a cafe that will images of local landmarks



Tesco finance chief Laurie McIlwee was brought up in the town and says the store will be an attraction

# Ready to check out a £50m superstore

The long wait is over and now Tesco staff prepare to welcome the first customers, as **LOUISE JEW** found out

**IT HAS transformed the landscape of a town centre.**

A crumbling multi-storey car park and ageing shopping centre have been consigned to the past, and in their place this £50 million superstore now sits – the town's most striking new landmark.

Since the explosive demolition of the old car park in Bell Street, Stourbridge, and the start of the work to knock down the Crown Centre in April last year, contractors have made quick work of creating the new building which can be seen by anyone driving along the ring road.

Having started with a huge mound of rubble, they were soon building the foundations and putting in place the steel frame.

Residents and visitors have eagerly watched as the Tesco Extra store in Stourbridge has taken shape with the work being heralded as the start of a new era for the town.

## Milestone

As well as the supermarket, there are shop units which developers are busy trying to fill in a bid to bring more people into the town centre.

And now another milestone in the project is about to be celebrated with the Tesco store getting ready to open today (Thursday).

It is now a hive of activity as excited staff stock the shelves ready for their first customers. Light, bright, airy and modern, with wide walkways around the aisles and a traveller moving walkway from the two-storey underground car park to the main and mezzanine floors, the Stourbridge shop is set to open next.

Linked into the redeveloped Crown Centre, housing the Town Hall and Stourbridge Library, shoppers have



Manager Sadie Griffiths believes the £50 million Tesco superstore will become a big part in the community

recently been able to sneak a glimpse of what is to come through the atrium entrance off the clock square.

The Tesco cafe – with a large purple wall decorated with images of local landmarks, the Town Hall, King Edward VI sixth form college, the old public library, Stourbridge Lion steam locomotive makers Foster, Rastrick and Co and the Red House glass cone – is in the atrium.

Step through into the store itself and the aisles are abuzz, as the 350 new staff – just under a third of them taken off the dole to carve out new careers with the supermarket giant – stack shelves with

non-perishable goods. Bakers are testing out their ovens, sending the aroma of freshly cooked bread and cakes around the cavernous, 65,000 sq ft store.

Nineteen tills and 10 self-service checkouts are ready to take customers' cash – and customer service manager Jane Bannister, aged 45, of Cross Street, Kingswinford, has already been forging links with local community groups, including the police and the Street Pastors.

The characters that townspeople will come to know as they shop there are

eager to tell their stories. For 19-year-old Shaun Peace it is his first ever job – and he is 'delighted and very proud' after previously being 'rejected' by Asda and Argos.

He has a new word in his vocabulary – 'rumbling', which means organising the products and helping customers – as he immerses himself in his role as customer assistant in the dairy department.

"I had been on Jobseekers' Allowance for a year and was very frustrated," said Shaun, of Witley Avenue, Halesowen.

"I love my new uniform and, with it being such a well-established company, it gives me the step I need to progress maybe to a team leader or manager one day."

Peter Croxford, aged 63, of Croftwood Road, Stourbridge, had spent 40 years in the retail car trade but was made redundant at the end of last year – and now he has retrained as a fishmonger at Tesco.

## Started

"Because I'm used to the banter and customer service of the car trade the nice lady at my Tesco interview thought I'd make a good fishmonger," he said.

In charge of it all is 47-year-old store manager Sadie Griffiths, of Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath.

The mother-of-four, who started as a cashier at the old Dudley Tesco 18 years ago and has managed stores in Stafford and Telford, said of the new shop: "The wows for me are the atrium, the cafe, the Florence and Fred clothing department and the range of produce."

"It has fitted into the regeneration of the local library and town hall, so it feels more like part of the community."

The new store is close to home for Tesco chief financial officer Laurie McIlwee, who was brought up in the town and whose parents, Jim, aged 89 and Joan, 82, still live in Pedmore.

He said: "Having this store on the edge of High Street, with parking below, will be a real attraction to bring people back to the town and use the other shops too."

## THROUGH THE YEARS

### 1983...

THE US government was seeking to build a £20m military hospital for the exclusive use of American casualties in the event of a nuclear war.

The proposals for RAF Cosford sparked fury among residents. A report by Washington's Institute of Policy Studies said 15 new specialist hospitals were needed because US military planners were preparing for a protracted war in Europe.

Vice-chairman of Albrighton Parish Council, Councillor Malcolm Pate, said: "If such facilities are to be built, they should be put in use for local people."

WOLVES were given until the end of October to pay off debts inherited by the previous administration – or face being expelled from the Football League. The club had been saved from liquidation by a consortium fronted by Derek Dougan, on condition that the new owners paid unsecured creditors 60p in the pound.

### 1993...

SCHOOLTEACHER Andrew Bramwell rued the day he won a £20,000 conservatory. Eighteen months later the conservatory was still not finished, and Mr Bramwell, from Aldridge, said there had been a catalogue of blunders with inadequate foundations, no damp-proof course and faulty brickwork.

A PETITION signed by 1,500 shoppers and market stallholders was on its way to Environment Secretary John Gummer in protest of his plans to strip Wolverhampton Council of its ancient markets charter.

A TEENAGE tearaway responsible for more than 160 crimes in less than a year went on the run as magistrates were due to sentence him. The 15-year-old boy from Halesowen gave his escorts the slip at Dudley youth court.

### 2003...

THE age of supersonic travel was over, after Concorde made its last voyage from New York to London. Jodie Kidd, Jeremy Clarkson, Sir David Frost and Joan Collins were among the stars on board the flight.

RADIO One DJ Chris Moyles provoked the ire of Kidderminster after branding the town 'a sad place where nothing ever happens'.

The DJ made the comments after it came third in a listeners' poll regarding where he should switch the Christmas lights on.

TORY MP Derek Conway plunged the party into chaos after he formally asked for a vote of confidence in leader Iain Duncan Smith. Mr Duncan Smith challenged his opponents to come up with the required number of names to spark a vote, or 'push off'.

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## LETTERS

# Deep regret as club closing down

IT is with great sorrow to let people know Woodcross Club will shortly be closing down.

We cannot keep up with the ever-increasing costs of heating, lighting, insurance, alarm systems, and all the other utility bills, amounting now to more than £5,000 per month, without wages and supplies.

The club was formed in 1945 by a small group of men shortly after the war. I myself, have been at the club since 1957, during that time, we have run senior and junior football teams, have been well-established throughout

the Midlands for our crib/dominos, darts and snooker teams as well as many stars appearing at the club and then going on to fame.

We have raised large sums of money for various charities over the years and once myself and my long-standing friend John 'The Humph' Humphries raised more than £6,000 for the children's hospice with a ladies night and sale of 'special badges'.

The charities will certainly miss the club. I have tried so hard and pulled out all the stops to keep it going, but this time I fear the worst. The smoking ban

has also had a massive affect upon the club. Also we had cellar extraction equipment stolen by metal thieves, and insurance refused to pay for replacement, which is now with the ombudsman. But, this is incurring substantial losses due to the 'cooling' of beers, etc.

We can only apologise to those who booked parties at the club. Thanking our loyal and sincere staff and small amount of members who have supported the club.

**BARRY PAYTON - SECRETARY**  
Woodcross Club  
Coseley

## Renaissance 'not a reality'

WHILE I was saddened to hear of the imminent closure of the Co-operative store in Dudley town centre I was not surprised, and for two reasons. First, the store appeared to believe it could survive in isolation.

Its pricing policy was frankly ludicrous, charging 35 per cent more for the exact same items as sold by a competitor. I feel particularly sorry for the staff many of whom have been working at the store in its various guises for years.

Second, however those charged with regenerating the town centre must take some of the blame. They are full of fine words but appear utterly impotent when it comes to actions. Since the grandiose plans were announced to spruce up the market place and so on WH Smith and now the Co-Op have left the town.

It's all very well Ian Austin MP appealing to the Co-op to have a rethink on the basis that the town is at some unspecified point going to have some sort of 'renaissance' but 'I am tomorrow' is not something anybody can include in a viable business plan. We are left wondering when these changes are to leave the drawing board and become reality?

**ELLIE SHAW, Forest Road, Dudley**

## Think before closing clinic

I AM concerned to read that the Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group is planning to close the walk-in medical centre at the Holly Hall Clinic. The justification is apparently that patients would prefer to see their GP, but, as I am sure most of us know, that isn't always possible.

Last year I contracted a bad attack of shingles over a weekend and was able to see a doctor at Holly Hall on the Sunday. He prescribed some medication which I collected from a pharmacy the same day and was thus able to begin treatment immediately. Even so, I was flat on my back in bed for about a week - and most people consider me a strong and fit person. Had I had to wait until the Monday to see my GP I have no doubt that the delay would have made the illness even worse. I do hope the group will carefully consider what provision can be made for cases such as mine before going ahead with this closure.

**NICK TAYLOR, Stourbridge**

## LETTERS to the Editor

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## Hippodrome just an eyesore for town

DUDLEY Hippodrome will never be anything but an out-of-date eyesore, best viewed through the smogs of its heyday. It detracts from and prevents proper development of the Zoo and Castle.

It is time Dudley MBC grasped the nettle and stopped indulging the fantasies of the 'Friends of Dudley Hippodrome' and demolished it.

The Friends have had ample time to put forward credible proposals and have failed.

Other than words, what is Lenny Henry prepared to contribute? He must be a rich man, come to that, how much are the Friends prepared to contribute?

If they are so confident it will be financially viable, then let them underwrite the cost of rescue and running.

Dudley Council has limited financial resources but several unique geological and historical attractions and funding should go to the integration of these sites and the development of Dudley as a tourist attraction.

Such a programme would create jobs and generate income instead of money being thrown down the money pit that a rescued Hippodrome would inevitably be.

**BRIAN OSBORNE, Dudley**

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## CLUB NEWS

Club not  
a-verse  
to poetry

### WORDSLEY M TWG

THE October meeting was opened by chairman for the day Wendy Lloyd who welcomed all attending.

The minutes of the previous meeting, prepared by secretary Liz Mosley were signed and Josie Bunn gave the treasurer's report.

The Federation carol service is on December 14 at St Thomas' Church, Market Street, Stourbridge and St Georges Day event on April 24 next year.

The Lunch Club will meet at The Glass Works, Wordsley, on November 4 and the Christmas Meal is booked at the Himley Hotel for December 2.

Barbara Taylor gave details of theatre outings - Guys & Dolls at The Rose Theatre, Kidderminster and Me & My Girl at Brierley Hill Civic Hall in November.

The guild will arrange a 'chocolate prize every time' tombola at the Community Centre Christmas Bazaar on December 7.

For the social part of the morning, varied selection of poems and verse were read by Betty Taylor, Liz Hubbard, Pat Hadley and Josie Bunn. Humorous stories were read by Rosemary Skidmore who also led a short quiz session followed by a quiz.

The next meeting is on November 18 at Wordsley Green Community Centre at 10am. George Hook will talk about 'Mother of Pearl'.

Guest looks back  
at events of 1937



John Sparry was October's guest speaker

### KINGSWINFORD & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

THE October meeting saw the return of local historian John Sparry. His talk was on 'Interesting Events of 1937'.

He reminded everyone of the Hindenburg disaster in May when 35 passengers and crew died, the introduction of the 999 emergency system first introduced in the London area and of course the abdication of Edward VIII that led to his marriage in this year to Wallis Simpson. This reminded people of the meetings of Edward and Mrs Simpson at nearby Himley Hall. The Coronation of George VI took place on May 12 1937.

In November of that year, George Eyston's land speed record of more than 311mph was achieved in Thunderbolt, and for the work on the car, Bill Sargent, who lived opposite to where the Community Centre now is, received the BEM.

The next meeting is on Monday November 4 at 7.30pm when Keith Cattell will present 'Light Fantastic - 1,000 Years of Stained Glass'.

All are welcome at the Community Centre, High Street, Kingswinford. Details from Ron Julian 01384 295848.

Insight into role of TV extra

THERE were 27 members and one visitor at the October meeting. All received a sincere welcome.

The meeting progressed as usual with the reading and signing of the minutes of the previous month's meeting.

The financial report was also given.

The menu for the Christmas dinner at The Talbot

### QUARRY BANK E TWG

Hotel, Stourbridge, was passed round and members noted their choice from the very varied menu.

The speaker was Shirley Jones, intriguingly entitled 'Beyond the Stars'.

The stars in question were off the television, and

the talk gave an insight into the role played by 'extras'.

Mrs Jones was thanked for her most entertaining talk. The meeting concluded as usual with the serving of tea and biscuits.

The next meeting, on November 19, will consist of a social evening with a Christmas flavour including carols and a bring and buy sale.

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## NEWS

# Race day on track to raise cash for new church boiler



Revving up on the Scalextric is Rev Stephen Carter with Jacob Wimlett, Isabelle Cull, Ben Priest and Jonathan Cull. Youngsters switched off their game consoles, laptops and phones to step back a generation and take part in a popular slot car challenge. Dozens of children attended St Peter's Church in Netherton to compete in a Scalextric race day.

A four-lane raceway was set up inside the church hall to give youngsters the chance to have a go at the electric car racing game – which was popular in the late 1980s and early '90s before giving way to computer gaming. The event was held to raise much-

needed cash for a new boiler at the church. Young children were among those who took part, paying 50p for 10 laps on the track. Adults were charged £1 a go at the event on Saturday.

The Reverend Stephen Carter said: "We had a host of children in and a big race track was set up. We got a lot of children and a few adult children."

## Cost

"All the money raised will go towards the boiler appeal – we have to raise a lot of money to replace the boiler here in the church. Every little helps."

It will cost the church around £27,000 in total to fund the work and at

present £10,000 still needs to be raised towards the project.

Rev Carter said the church will use the money from fundraising, church funds and a loan to pay for the work.

He added: "The more we raise the less we have to take out on a loan – so we're trying our best to raise as much cash as possible."

In 2010 the historic building in St Peter's Road was hit by metal thieves. The riders stole a bell from the roof, also causing considerable damage to the site.

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I met with executives from London & Cambridge Properties at LCP House on the Pensnett Estate. It is great to have the head office of one of the UK's leading property companies here in our borough. I heard from LCP management how the Pensnett Estate has increasingly few voids — another sign of a recovering economy — and about the firm's plans for continued investment in and long-term ownership of their holdings both on the Pensnett Estate and in the wider Black Country. A very encouraging meeting.

I visited the Thomas Pocklington Trust at the Mary Stevens Resource Centre in Oldswinford to learn how the charity helps those affected by sight loss with services such as their popular day centre.

**Dudley South**  
**Conservative MP Chris Kelly** takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views



*'It's really important that as many people in Dudley and the Black Country as possible visit their surgeries and get vaccinated'*

I really enjoyed attending the Dudley Volunteer Awards 2013 — organised by the Dudley Council for Voluntary Service — at the Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

### Pleased

I was particularly pleased to be able to congratulate in person my constituent and Business Supporting the Community award winner, Brett Harris of Blaze Hair, Kingswinford. Congratulations to all the finalists!

I attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Dudley Advance at Dudley College, another project by the college which is breathing new life into the town centre and will be ready for the beginning of the 2014

academic year. Congratulations to all involved in getting another wonderful project to fruition for the people and the town of Dudley.

I visited Exova (UK) Ltd on Narrowboat Way, Netherton where General Manager Jonathan Pugh illustrated how demand for the company's non-destructive testing services has increased massively in the last quarter, confirming the picture of much improved GDP numbers and a real renaissance in Midlands manufacturing and engineering.

I met with Joanna Noble of Kingswinford to show my support for the Retired WM Police Dog Benevolent Fund and with Roger Bannister of Wordsley, Managing Director of Pressvess Limited, Kingswinford, and Eurocrane, Kingswinford, to discuss his companies' latest business investment and employment creation initiatives.

I also met with Natalie Neale, our excellent Conservative candidate for Kingswinford North & Wall Heath, to discuss the forthcoming local election campaign for 2014.

I held a busy constituency advice surgery at Brierley Hill Library.

There have been more signs in recent days and weeks that Britain is turning a corner. Last week news came that there are now a million more people in work under this Government. Then we saw that crime has fallen by over 10 per cent since the election.

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## NEWS

# Truck styling firm aims to pick up more workers

**A FLOURISHING** Dudley truck accessories supplier is hoping to pick up some new staff as it enjoys soaring sales.

Increasing demand from housebuilders and motorway maintenance firms have been credited with boosting the coffers of Auto Styling Truckman, Narrowboat Way, Brierley Hill.

The company, which makes hard tops for pick-up trucks and also sells 4x4 vehicle accessories, has seen sales rise 11 per cent in the year to the end of August, increasing to £7 million.

At the same time the business has completed a £375,000 expansion of its manufacturing operation, enabling it to increase its workforce by 30 per cent.

Auto Styling Truckman employs 39 members of staff and aims to increase its headcount to 50 by the end of the next financial year.

Mike Wheeler, managing director, said: "We are definitely seeing the benefit of an upturn in the economy."

"Our pick-up truck hard tops are used in industries associated with developing the country's infrastructure such as construction. These sectors are experiencing increased activity, which is leading to them investing in their operations, including their vehicle fleets."

The latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) show that the sale of smaller commercial vehicles such as vans and pick-up trucks has risen 8.1 per cent so far this year after a long period in the doldrums.

## Craft class at Glass Cone

A HOLIDAY arts and craft school is on offer for youngsters in being staged at the Red House Glass Cone on October 28 from 9.30am to 3.30pm. The creative day includes the opportunity to watch a glass-making demonstration. Children need to bring a packed lunch and mid-morning snack.

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## Zoo shop on the move



Zoo staff move the Safari Shop sign to the temporary unit next to the vintage chairlift as Tecton repair work gets under way

DUDLEY Zoo's souvenir shop is on the move due to restoration work on some of attraction's Tecton buildings.

Due to repair work going on at the large shop area at the entrance of the zoo, staff have moved the Safari Shop's contents and sign next to the vintage chairlift.

The work is part of a wider £1.15m lottery-funded programme which will see the shop, the wave entrance, bear ravine and kiosk 1, all restored. The project included repairing and reopening the chairlift.

The zoo has the world's largest single collection of Tecton buildings and in 2009 all 12 structures received World Monuments Fund status, alongside Machu Picchu and

the Taj Mahal. Visitor services manager Adrian Pace said: "The shop move is only temporary while the renovation work is completed and we are hoping to move back by Easter 2014."

"We hope customers will bear with us during this time, but despite the smaller space inside the provisional shop, we still have plenty of things for sale."

As part of the Tecton restoration project, the zoo is running an apprentice-training scheme with Dudley College.

Construction and building students are working on repairing the concrete using conservation methods. The restoration project is being boosted by the zoo, which will invest £600,000 on a retail complex.

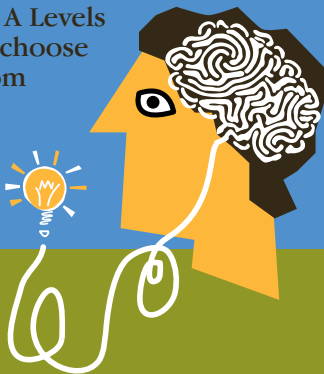


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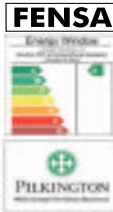
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## NEWS

# Magistrates thinking of quitting over shake-up

## Pupils paint town red...



The Rev Katryn Leclezio, from St Peter's Church, Cradley, and artist Philip Adams, with parents and pupils taking part

NEARLY 200 children are painting their town red and every other colour they can think of.

Pupils aged five to 11 at Caslon Primary School in Beeches View Avenue, Cradley, Halesowen, have been bitten by the drawing bug, with guidance from artist and former Halesowen College lecturer Philip Adams.

Mr Adams has been into school to give them tips about how to sketch buildings in Cradley using charcoal and pastels as well as pencils and crayons.

"They've enjoyed getting messy using different materials," said headteacher Adrian Pemberton.

Besides the school itself, the youngsters have been drawing their own homes, neighbours' and friends' houses, St Peter's Church, Wilson Hall Community Centre and Cradley Town Football Club.

The project is part of a national initiative called the Big Draw, organised by the Campaign for Drawing, which encourages people to become arty.

Mr Adams, of Beauty Bank, Old Hill, carried out a workshop with pupils, staff and some parents.

Their work will be displayed with drawings produced by other local primary schools, at St Peter's Church on November 17.

**MAGISTRATES** in Dudley say are considering quitting their posts over controversial plans to cease criminal cases at a court.

Dudley Magistrates' Court would be stripped of its criminal casework as part of shake-up plans by the Ministry of Justice.

A six-week consultation, which was described as a sham by magistrates in Dudley, ended last week amid growing concerns.

Magistrates say they are incensed after claiming they have not been consulted over the proposals, which could come into force in the new year.

The preferred Ministry of Justice proposal would see Wolverhampton Magistrates' Court do all trials and youth cases in the Black Country, with Walsall and Sandwell splitting the rest of the workload between them.

Colin Knipe, former chairman of the Dudley and Halesowen magistrates' bench, said: "Lots of Dudley magistrates are seriously considering resigning. They are incensed because the only magistrates in the Black Country who have not been consulted about where they wish to sit next year are the 100 plus Dudley magistrates."

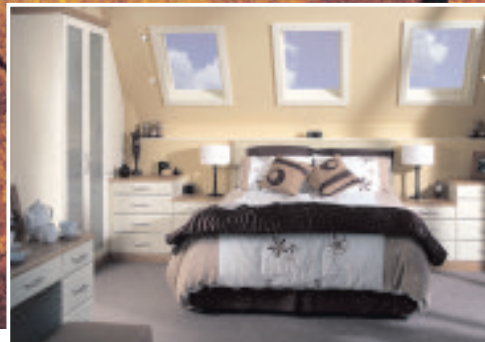
Sitting magistrate, Chris Smith, who has heard cases in the borough for 28 years, added: "Many local magistrates have already said that they will not be prepared to make the longer journeys."

Campaigners led by Dudley North MP Ian Austin handed in a 1,200-strong petition. It called for a debate on the issue in the House of Commons. Mr Austin said he is demanding a meeting with the Justice Secretary Chris Grayling.

## Pharaoh-Id musical show

MEMBERS of Overend Methodist Mission, in Banners Lane, Cradley, will sing the Roger Jones musical From Pharaoh to Freedom during its evening service on Sunday at 6pm. Conductor Belinda McBain, said: "This is a powerful musical."

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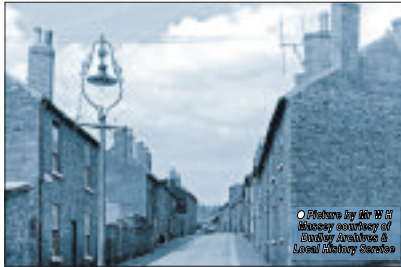
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## MEMORY LANE



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Pitman Street, 1959. John notes: "Our house would be, right, about four houses up. You can see the yard about halfway up on the left where Stephen and I had many adventures."



The Caves football team. John writes that 'my father is second from the left. I am in the centre front of the line-up holding the ball. This is one of the teams my father managed. I later played for this very team in the Dudley & Cradley Heath League.'



Picture by Mr W H Hickey courtesy of Dudley Archives & Local History Service

The flats at Hillcrest Road, Kates Hill. John says: "We lived in the first block, top left. It appears the lamp-post has the remnants of a rope swing. I have no idea who the little girl is but she would be around the same age as me, maybe she was someone we played games with?"

# Moving tales of childhood poverty while world enjoyed Swinging 60s

**THE 1960s may have been swinging and affluent for many but for a significant minority they were years of poverty.**

John Fisher was one of those who experienced poverty at first hand and he has written a moving yet unsentimental account of the problems he and his siblings faced in the Dudley in the 1960s.

Finding Thomas is the true story of three young brothers living in the midst of squalor, neglect and deprivation and who were then suddenly separated, seemingly forever. Although they were torn apart, John held fast to a dream of finding his younger brother Thomas.

It was a search that spanned four decades and which 'uncovered dark secrets, unbelievable discoveries and much more' than he anticipated. John honestly tells of the difficult childhood he had with his parents. They often fought and sep-

by Carl Chinn

arated, with the result that he and Stephen, the next brother to him, were placed in foster homes.

However, in September 1962 their parents were reconciled. They were living at 25 Pitman Street, in Kates Hill, Dudley, whence they had been moved after their eviction from a modern flat in Hillcrest Road.

John explains how he and Stephen were discharged from care and allowed to go back to their parents and their baby brother Thomas. The next 12 months were to be the most traumatic of his life.

John takes up the story: 'Pitman Street was without any shadow of a doubt a slum. One side of the street was full of empty houses, vacated many years before. The fact that we had been evicted from the flat and placed here was I think a last resort on behalf of the council and Social Services to house us and keep the family together. "The house was a

two bedroom property. All the houses were joined together, about 30 each side, running top to bottom of the street.

"At the rear they were separated into blocks of four. Our block had an entrance at the rear, which came in really handy at times, especially if the truancy officer called, we could scarp out the back.

## Derelict

"No electricity existed in the house, light was obtained by means of lighting gas mantles situated on the walls. The only form of entertainment came by means of a radio, which I assume was battery-powered. The house was cold and damp, a miserable place to live. My mother, father and Thomas shared one bedroom, Stephen and I the other, even these didn't have doors.

"One day Stephen and I went into one of the derelict houses opposite. We found our way to the wash-house and we climbed up onto the board covering the basin and got

hold of a piece of string. Above the basin was a kind of beam which I presume was for hanging the washing on when it came out of the tub.

"I tied the piece of string to the beam and made a noose from the other end. At some point Stephen tried to jump off the basin onto the floor but got caught up in the noose around his neck, the board gave way underneath him and he hung precariously swinging with the noose around his neck, going blue in the face.

"I realised there was little I could do, or maybe I just simply panicked, anyway, fortunately at that time my mother was at home. I ran across the street to tell her what had happened.

"She ran across to rescue him and pull him down. Had she not been at home that day, which would not have been uncommon, I feel certain Stephen would not be here today.

"Adjacent to the house there

was a disused yard. One day we decided to climb over and investigate. We came across a number of boxes, being inquisitive we decided to remove one or two and take a look inside.

"Having got them open we discovered they contained hundreds of bullets, bright brass coloured shells. Anyway, being totally naive we took them to an area away from the house and began to hit the ends of them with bricks, obviously to see if they were 'live'.

"Someone must have seen us in the yard nicking this stuff and the police arrived. They questioned us as to where we got these bullets from and removed them. I never did discover if they were 'live' or not, I guess had the police not arrived when they did we might have found out!"

● *Finding Thomas* by John Fisher is published by History Into Print at £10.95. See also [www.brewin books.com](http://www.brewin books.com)



John as a two-year old. He has written a moving account of life in Dudley during the 1960s

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## NEWS

## Work on beauty spot has started

RESTORATION of a canal embankment to help preserve it for generations to come is getting under way at a Grade I listed beauty spot.

Phased coppicing is taking place along the old Dudley No 2 canal at The Leasowes nature reserve, Halesowen.

Engineers are working with wardens to advise them on the work, which will be done in sections, one third at a time, over the next two to three years.

The coppicing, which is common practice in woodland management, will include mature trees being crown reduced and one or two medium sized Sycamore trees will be removed, as these are weed species and not native to the site.

The remainder that are to be coppiced are thin saplings, although these will not be killed as the root systems will remain alive to help secure the soil structure inside the bank.

The site's management team will host a walk to explain about work taking place and answer any questions.

Councillor Tracy Wood, cabinet member for environment and culture, said: "This is an opportunity for people with an interest in the future plans of The Leasowes to find out first hand about the essential works taking place along the canal and how the development will benefit the area."

## Passengers claim victory as speedier bus service starts



MP Ian Austin with, from left, Councillors Bryan Cotterill and Adam Aston, Alex Perry, managing director of Arriva, Councillor Kieran Casey and Babs Coombes, area manager of Centro, and residents celebrating the new 22 bus

**BUS users in Dudley are claiming victory after a service was extended to dramatically cut journey times following a year-long campaign and petition.**

Centro has changed its 22 bus service this to serve hundreds of residents in the Bramford estate in Woodsetton.

The service will take residents to Wolverhampton in 20 minutes – cutting their usual route time on the number 82 by more than 25 minutes.

The change followed a petition and lobbying to the transport authority by ward councillors Keiran Casey and Adam Aston.

On Friday, the councillors met up with residents along with Dudley North MP Ian Austin to celebrate.

Pensioner Barbara Bryan, of Chad Road, said: "The change will make a world of difference for people living in this area who depend on public transport and want to get to the shops in Wolverhampton."

## Delight

"Before we had to wait a long time, but I'm told the new service will take us there in about 20 minutes."

"It is going to be a journey of discovery – we're delighted."

Under the changes, the 22 bus service, which links with Oldbury, Great Bridge, Tipton and Wolverhampton, will now cut through Woodsetton, going via Vicarage Road West, Sedgley Road, Chad Road and Park Road.

by Alex Ross

It operates every hour from Monday to Saturday.

Councillor Keiran Casey said: "This is what we have been waiting for."

"Many people in the area use the buses and they deserve a quicker bus route to Wolverhampton – which is a distance which takes just 10 minutes in the car."

"It just shows the hard work of campaigning has paid off."

Councillor Bryan Cotterill, who represents Dudley on passenger transport group Centro, said: "Passengers in the Swan Village area said they wanted a faster route into Wolverhampton city centre."

"We have responded to ensure that the needs of the travelling public are met."

"We are constantly monitoring feedback from our passengers to find out which changes will help make their regular journeys easier."

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## NEWS in brief

## Canal woman thanks rescuers

AN 80-year-old woman, who was pulled from a canal after falling from her boat near Stourbridge, has thanked her rescuers.

Jean Coumbe, aged 80, was steering her narrow boat when she fell in the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, Stourton. She cannot remember anything of the incident on October 17 – only waking up in Russells Hall Hospital. Mrs Coumbe, from Plymouth, said: "I can only say thank you – all these people saved my life and I'm very grateful. The nurses there were so kind."

Mrs Coumbe was with her husband David, 82, travelling from Kiner to the Bonded Warehouse, Stourbridge. She said: "I'm lucky people on another boat pulled me out."

## No sign of Bishop at book launch

STAND-UP comedian John Bishop left his fans disappointed when he cancelled his book signing at Merry Hill shopping centre.

He was due to appear at Waterstones on Saturday but said on Twitter that he had 'filming commitments'.

## Lambs are stolen

RUSTLERS have stolen four lambs. Two lambs were stolen from a farm building in Franche Road, Kidderminster, sometime between October 15 and 16. The thief then took a second pair sometime between October 18 and 19.

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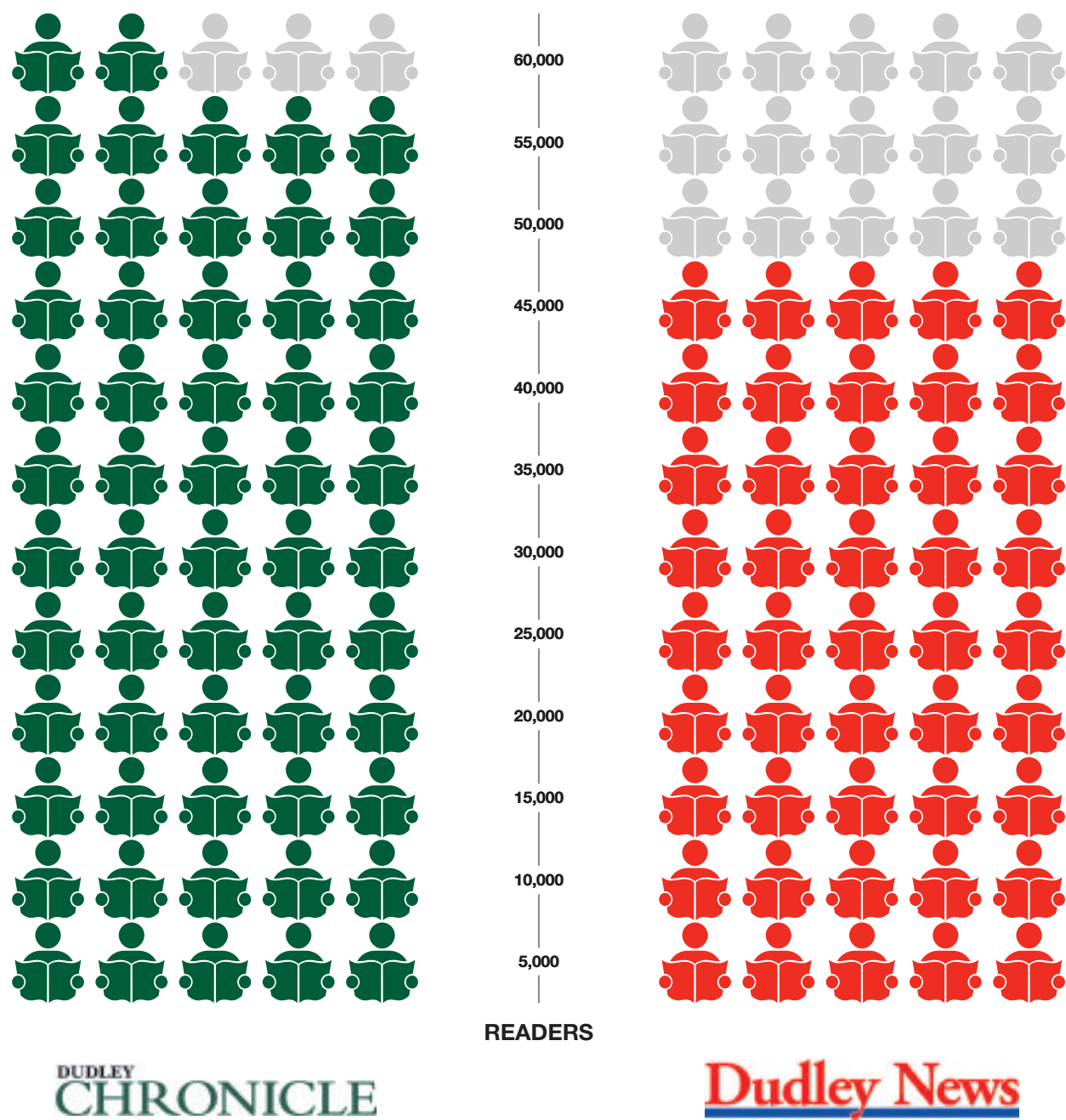
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## Baker looking to beat off competition after reaching two finals

LAURA Nolan really has got the icing on the cake – after hearing she is in the finals of two national competitions in two days.

The 39-year-old, from Brierley Hill, who was inspired to go into baking only two years ago by watching *The Great British Bake Off*, is now dusting off her apron in the hope of winning both contests.

If she wins the National Cupcake championship at the Cake International event at Birmingham's NEC on November 9, her victory will be announced by no less than baking legend Mary Berry.

The previous day, Laura will have competed alongside her friend and former pupil Hayley Dawood, from Stoke-on-Trent, in a live, three-hour event, also at the NEC, to decorate a selection of 20 cupcakes.

"I heard I had got through to the national championships – the creme de la creme of our profession – about a month ago," said

Laura, who runs The Nuthouse Bakery, which is based at her home in Madison Avenue.

"Then last week I heard Hayley and I are shortlisted in a handful of teams of professional bakers to be in the live competition at Cake International on November 8. I squealed with delight – I was shaking and had to sit down for an hour."

### Range

Laura is one of just 15 professional bakers selected from more than 350 to compete in British Baker Magazine's national cupcake championship.

The judges will be award-winning pastry chef and Waitrose consultant Will Torrent, royal wedding cake designer Fiona Cairns, Konditor and Cook creator Gerhard Jenne and last year's winner Emily Johnson.

Laura's entry will be a 'naughty but tasty' cake from her range entitled Old

Hollywood Bachelor Party, topped with a sugary image of ruffled knickers and suspenders. Other cakes from the range will feature in the live bake-off competition.

Laura, who was born in Zimbabwe, was a globe-trotting installer of gaming equipment, working at casinos from Hong Kong to Las Vegas, when she was bitten by the baking bug.

She enrolled on an eight-week course at the Thorns Community College, Quarry Bank – and six months later quit her job and started her own bakery at home.

She now teaches bakery at Halesowen College, as well as at her own business, and is studying on a course to learn how to make bread and croissants.

"I never learned to bake at home with mum and two years ago had never baked a cake – but the TV show inspired me," added Laura.



Laura Nolan, who runs the Nuthouse Bakery from home

## Phil bowls fans over at dinner

CRICKET star Phil Tufnell helped raise more than £2,500 when he appeared at a fundraiser for the Midlands Air Ambulance.

The former England spin bowler gave an after-dinner speech at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill on September 26.

Around 180 tickets were sold at the evening, which was organised by Jilly Edge and business partner Laura Icton. The star chatted with VIPs, shared jokes with guests and posed for pictures ahead of dinner being served. A charity auction was also hosted by BBC radio presenter Paul Franks.

Jilly Edge, from Events with the Edge, said: "I am incredibly grateful to everyone who attended our Sporting Dinner with Phil Tufnell, I'm sure, like me, they all had a good night and went home safe in the knowledge they were helping to fund the life-saving work of the Midlands Air Ambulance."

## Chippie to pay £9,000 over state of hygiene

A FISH and chip shop in Netherton has been handed a court bill of more than £9,000 after poor hygiene standards were discovered by inspectors.

The Five Star Fish Bar in Baptist End Road, was given a rating of zero out of five after being visited last December.

Now Daljinder Singh Chatta, the owner of the shop, has pleaded guilty to 10 offences under the food hygiene regulations at Dudley Magistrates' Court.

He was fined £7,500 and ordered to pay court costs of £1,639 and a victim surcharge of £120.

Mr Chatta said at the time of the inspection the shop had been left in the hands of staff, while he looked after an ill family member and that hygiene standards had slipped in his absence.

He said: "Before this report we consistently got four stars in our inspections. I wasn't there at the time but I know the responsibility lies with me."

### Discovered

"The proper procedures are now in place and the employees are aware of what needs to be done."

"We are hoping that after our next inspection we will be back up to four or even five stars again."

During their inspection, Dudley Council environmental health officers discovered a failure to identify and address food safety hazards, failure to keep the premises and equipment clean and in good repair,

by Tom Mason

inadequate hand wash facilities and a failure to protect ingredients from a risk of contamination. Since the prosecution, Five Star Fish Bar has improved to a hygiene rating of three out of five, which means it is broadly compliant with the rules.

Councillor Stuart Turner, cabinet member for health and well being, said: "This prosecution sends out a clear message that we're tough on food hygiene."

"We work very closely with businesses to ensure they know the law and offer help and advice where we can."

"However, in certain cases, prosecution is the only option in our bid to ensure people are protected when buying food in the Dudley borough and we have a zero tolerance on zero hygiene ratings."

The proportion of zero rated food premises in the borough has reduced significantly in recent years, which the council puts down to a combination of additional coaching for business owners and prosecutions of the poorest performing premises.

## Year-long challenge to raise charity funds

A SOCIAL worker has set herself the challenge of spending a year fundraising for charity. Kate Weston, 39, of Brierley Hill, wants to generate cash for the Alzheimer's Society with a series of events, culminating in a self-funded, sponsored hike across the Himalayas next October.

So far, she has established a successful truck stop in her office at Dudley Council and held a 'Put your Manager in the Stocks' event – raising more than £500 to date. The next event is a 'band and buffet' night on November 30 at David Lloyd Leisure Centre, Pensnett Road, Brierley Hill.

### Possible

Tickets are on sale now at £13 for members and £15 for members of the public. Included in the entry price is a buffet, live music from local band 'Uncle Ian's Audio Circus' and a disco.

Ms Weston said: "It should be a great night out and I want to see as many people there as possible."

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## NEWS

# Action group digging in to fight for allotments

## Sci fi-re night from Hall



Hoping for a bonfire event that is from another galaxy are Ben Cockett, Councillor Tracy Wood and Jane Bannister, from Tesco

ORGANISERS of one of the region's biggest fireworks displays are promising this year's sci-fi spectacular will be out of this world.

The Himley Hall bonfire attracted more than 20,000 people last year and there are hopes to draw similar crowds again this time, with a show set to the music from some of science fiction's greatest films and programmes, including Doctor Who, Iron Man and Flash Gordon.

Gates to the event, which is organised by Dudley Council and sponsored by Tesco's new store in Stourbridge, will open at 4.30pm on Saturday November 9.

A giant bonfire will be lit at

7.45pm with the fireworks display starting at 8.30pm. Visitors will also be able to enjoy the thrill of the fair.

Councillor Tracy Wood, said: "The Himley Bonfire is a real spectacle and this year's show looks set to be better than ever."

"We always draw in thousands of people and I am sure the 2013 theme will be very popular."

Tickets are £9 for adults, £4.50 for juniors and senior citizens, while under-5s get in free.

A family ticket for two adults and two children is £23, while car parking is £3. A free bus service will be available from Dudley, Coseley, Sedgley, Quarry Bank, Brierley Hill, Halesowen and Stourbridge.

MEMBERS of a Dudley action group are prepared to dig in to demand land on a former school and college site should be made into allotments.

Dudley Council says it would cost about £125,000 to make part of the site safe following the collapse of the cellars of an old house that used to stand on the Longlands site, off Brook Street, Stourbridge.

It says there are also legal issues about creating allotments there. Longlands Action Group spokesman John Milner, a professional magician who lives in Brook Street, said: "People in this area are crying out for allotments."

"So we are continuing to campaign for at least some of the land behind the Longlands campus to be used for allotments."

"It has been suggested that land there could become community gardens - but we wouldn't be happy with that because it would attract people going behind houses."

The former Longlands School later became part of Stourbridge College, with some of the land used as a football pitch.

The college transferred its creative arts department to a new £12 million complex in Brierley Hill two years ago and the Longlands buildings have been empty since.

The council still owns a football pitch next to the former campus and the rest of the land belongs to Greenfield Primary School.

Dudley Councillor Gaye Partridge, said: "If the land was to be used for allotments there are a number of technical legal and statutory issues that need to be resolved."

## Car set on fire in road

FIREFIGHTERS were called after a car was set on fire and rolled into the middle of a road in Dudley. A crew from Cradley Heath was called to Edinburgh Road, Netherton last week after a resident reported seeing the white Audi A3.

Crew commander Andre Pincher from the fire service, said: "A member of the public saw it roll just past their house."

## Queen's award fit for Jean



Fitness instructor Jean Hughes with her daughter Su Handford and son-in-law Paul

SHE has run exercise classes for four decades and raised more than £115,000 for charity - and now Jean Hughes has been honoured by the Queen.

Jean has been awarded the British Empire Medal in the Queen's Birthday Honours for her dedication to the community and for her work raising money for charities.

She was presented with the medal by Lord-Lieutenant Paul Chandrasekharan Sabapathy CBE at a ceremony at Wordsley Community Centre last, in front of friends and family.

But she is not the first person in her family to receive a national accolade. She will join her daughter, Su Handford aged 53, who received a Queen's Police Medal in 2010, and her son-in-law Paul Handford, 55, who received an MBE in 2006. Both received

the commendations for their long service with West Midlands Police, which between them totalled more than 60 years in the force.

Su said: "She has always said it's for the group and not just for herself but without her there wouldn't be a group."

"I was so proud when I heard I was going to receive my award from the Queen and I'm just as proud of my mum - it has been a long time coming."

The 78-year-old has run her keep fit class at the centre in Wordsley Green for 41 years and currently has more than 100 women attending three classes each week.

Mrs Hughes, who lives with husband Ray in Kingswinford, said before the event: "I'm very excited to be receiving the medal. When I first started out I never thought I would be involved in it for so long."

## Prison for drug addict with string of crimes

A 'CHRONIC' heroin addict whose drug use turned him into a prolific offender has been jailed for three years.

James Gregory, of High Street, Lye, had 20 previous convictions involving 63 offences before his latest crime spree, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

On April 12 he did not attend meetings with probation staff and broke the terms of a two year suspended jail sentence imposed for beating up a love rival in June 2012.

Then the 30-year-old exchanged £500 of stolen tools for £45 at Cash Converters, Stourbridge, on August 2.

Shortly afterwards staff were alerted to be on the look out for the property and informed police who revealed the tools had been taken from a flat in High Street, Lye, Miss Blondelle Thompson, prosecuting, said.

Next he left a tell-tale spot of blood after cutting himself while breaking into a caravan on a business park in Lye, the court was told. DNA checks confirmed it was his blood. When he was arrested on October 17 he was in possession of nine wraps of heroin and also admitted having previously had crack and methadone.

Mr Simon Hanns, defending, said: "He has been a chronic heroin addict for a long time."

Gregory admitted handling stolen property, breaching a court order, possessing drugs and burglary.

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## REVIEWS

# Duo show award-winning prowess

**Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar, Newhampton Folk Club, Wolverhampton**

If you are going to make an impression with your opening number then one way is to knock the socks off your audience. This is the option award-winning duo Greg Russell and Ciaran Algar took.

Right from the off you could see why they were this year's winners of the Radio2 Young Folk Musicians award.

The Clumsy Lover Set was hampered out by Algar on the fiddle and Russell on the guitar and straight away with Algar it was like watching a young

Seth Lakeman, the skill, fluency and power with which he wields his instrument is astounding.

Hills of the West gave Russell his first chance to show off his singing skills. He doesn't have the strongest of voices and his range seems somewhat limited but he uses his ability well.

Russell changed to the bouzouki for Roses Three, a traditional storytelling song translated from the Swedish. He then pulled out one of his own creations, a another good storytelling song inspired from his history studies, in particular the Tudors. The Queen's Lover, the title track of their debut

album, was a clever and modern offering with a distinctly traditional sound. They opened the second half with Two Magicians using the guitar and bouzouki. Russell's voice was lost a bit but it was a lovely song.

For two such young lads they show a great deal of maturity when dealing with "hecklers" and are very engaging characters who enjoy the banter.

Russell pulled out a squeeze box for the smooth You Are the Call which was just a joy to listen to. And, after an encore of The New Railroad they went out as they had come in - with a serious bang.

**Danny Farragher**

## Sharp lyrics coupled with Scottish wit

**Dick Gaughan, MAC, Birmingham**

If you don't like folk music unadorned with lyrics shooting from the hip and peppered with political comment and barbs, then Dick Gaughan is best avoided.

With his natural Scottish wit and insightful musings on the world around him Gaughan, alone on a bare stage with just a single guitar, kept his audience enthralled.

Gaughan does almost as much talking as he does playing but his friendly Scots accent, informal chatting and almost constant strumming as he talks is both engaging and thought-provoking. He is a fine, precise guitar player and, with his sharp lyrics, Gaughan sings with passion.

During the set there were few political figures or movements which didn't come under Gaughan's scrutiny. Tony Blair, George Osborne, Scottish independence, Labour and Tories were all fair game.

Gaughan is never cynical in the sense he still believes things can change if people are willing to stand up and be counted. He told his audience at the Midlands Art Centre that he wrote one particular song 25 years



Dick Gaughan, courtesy of Genia Ainsworth

## Byrne-ing desire to entertain

**Ed Byrne, Birmingham Symphony Hall**

IRISH comic Ed Byrne has always appeared an amiable sort, and the popular funnyman now seems to have embraced growing old with wit.

For his Roaring Forties show, Byrne has grabbed reaching the big 4-0 firmly around the throat with good humour. He kept his Friday night audience at the Symphony Hall entertained throughout with a barrage of anecdotes and jokes, leading to nervous titters and knowing smiles among the crowd of young and old alike.

Support act Ben Norris was a welcome addition and the fact Byrne came out to do a "warm up for the warm up act" suggests it won't be too long before he has a show of his own.

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# Pete wants college site to engineer the future



Pete Waterman, right, with Lowell Williams, principal of Dudley College, as work starts on the foundations of the centre

**MUSIC mogul Pete Waterman – who engineered some of the biggest hits of the 1980s – is now singing the praises of an £8 million college centre to train the factory workforce of the future.**

The 66-year-old, who as part of the Stock Aitken Waterman trio that produced 22 number ones, dug the ceremonial first turf for Dudley Advance last week. He said the centre, which

will provide 400 Dudley College students with hi-tech engineering skills and training, would help the Black Country to be part of a 'second industrial revolution'.

Mr Waterman, a train fanatic who has run a number of heritage railway maintenance companies, is now on a Department of Transport taskforce set up to make the most of the economic benefits of the controversial High Speed Two – HS2 – rail project.

As he launched the start of the development of Dudley Advance he said HS2 would employ 20,000 people and Black

Country firms would be part of the supply chain for the components needed.

But the workforce needed to be trained and the college's centre, due to open in September 2014, would help to do that.

"The Black Country benefited from the first industrial revolution – and it must be part of the second," he said.

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# What's On! *Dudley*

## REVIEW

### Destined to be a blues player

**Eric Bibb**  
**Robin2, Bilston**  
ERIC Bibb was destined to be a musician and even more so he was destined to be a blues player. Bibb knows how to put on a concert, he knows how to get his audience hopping but most of all he knows the blues.

Bibb, who has been playing acoustic guitar professionally since he was 16, may have taken a round-about route to get here but when he arrived boy did he make an impression. Right from the off at the Wolverhampton venue, with New Home, his foot was stomping enthusiastically as he plucked out the delta blues sound. It was accented by his characteristic head wagging underneath his trademark hat, which seems glued on.

He pulled out one of his audience's favourites next, Shingle by Shingle, which was a much lighter, softer and almost playful ballad.

Bibb really let loose with a song about building a new life which was inspired by Turner's Station, Baltimore. During this song he was reminiscent of Howling Wolf or Lightning Hopkins. This was followed by another fast-paced track with Keep Your Mind On It.

He also did a cover version of I Heard Angels Singing written by Reverend 'Blind' Gary Davies, a street singer in 1950s America. Bibb ended the set with another spiritual, Everyman. **DANNY FARRAGHER**

# Stars are Outen and about in Grand's anniversary year

## Meet Union J at Merry Hill

**POPULAR** boy band Union J are the headline act for this year's highly-anticipated Christmas lights switch on at Westfield Merry Hill.

The boys will arrive at the centre on Friday, November 15.

The Chronicle are teaming up with Merry Hill to give one lucky reader and their friend the chance to meet the X Factor favourites. As well as getting up close and personal with the famous four, the winner will receive a £100 gift card to splash out with at any of the centre's 200 plus stores.

### Rylan

Huge crowds are expected to turn out to enjoy Union J's performance, which will see them treat fans to tunes including top ten hit Carry You, before they begin their UK tour.

Rylan, who found fame on X Factor and has since presented several popular TV shows, will be adding to the festivities with his own performance.

Up-and-coming band R3 Action and singer Lauren Wright will warm up the crowds and Free Radio will be hosting the event to keep everyone entertained with games and giveaways. Tickets cost £1 each with proceeds going to Help Harry Help Others, the centre's charity this year. Tickets will be allocated on a first-



Union J will be providing their fans with an early festive treat at Merry Hill

come-first-served basis, and can be purchased from the concierge desk. The event is from 5pm-7pm with a firework display ending festivities with a bang.

For your chance to win tell us on which TV talent show Union J found fame. Send your answer with name, address and telephone number to Union J Competition, Chronicle Series (Editorial), 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date November 7. No cash alternative. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

**A STAR-STUDD** programme is coming to Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre to mark the venue's 120th anniversary next year.

Among the high-profile names scheduled to appear is West End and Strictly Come Dancing star Denise Van Outen, who will be performing her new one-woman play, Some Girl I Used to Know.

The show - co-written by Terry Ronald with musical supervision by Kylie Minogue's long-term musical collaborator, Steve Anderson - will run at the theatre from February 20 to 22 as part of an 11-date national tour that includes Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from February 10 to 12.

Other 2014 musical highlights at the Grand include the foot-stomping 80s dance classic Fame, which will arrive in March, and rock 'n' roll show Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story in May.

Emmerdale heart-throb Ben Freeman will become 'The Fonz' in Garry Marshall's musical hit Happy Days. The show, which will run from June 9 to 14, also stars former Sugababe Heidi Range as Pinky Tuscedero and 80s pop-icon Cheryl Baker as Mrs Cunningham.

Bafta-nominated actor Robert Powell, who took the title role in Jesus of



Denise Van Outen

Nazareth back in 1977, will play Belgian detective Poirot in a staging of Agatha Christie's Black Coffee from February 3 to 8. Brookside actor John McArdle joins the cast of Damian Cruden's new adaptation of mining village comedy Brassed Off from April 8 to 12.

Peter Cutchie, the theatre's chief executive, said: "Next year marks 120 years of the Grand Theatre in Wolverhampton and a landmark year for the venue, something which I hope is reflected in the diversity and vibrancy of our 2014 programme."

## REVIEW

### Acting was first class

**To Sir With Love, Grand Theatre**  
THIS heartwarming story really is A grade.

With superb acting from national treasure Matthew Kelly and Ansu Kabia, To Sir With Love, which packed out Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre, told the story of a Cambridge graduate and ex-RAF fighter pilot arriving in London in 1948 and discovering what it means to be black in post-war England.

Turned down for job after job in his chosen career as an electronic engineer, Ricky Braithwaite (played by Kabia) begins his first teaching post, in a tough East End school.

Supported by an enlightened headmaster (Kelly), the determined teacher, after a shaky start, bonds with the swearing teenage rebels and teaches them to show respect.

Eventually offered his dream job in engineering he decides to stay at the school and even the grumpy, couldn't-care-less fellow teacher Weston, played superbly by Paul Kemp, is influenced by Ricky's way of teaching.

The play has been brilliantly adapted by Ayub Khan-Din, best known for East is East.

The stage adaptation is peppered with the songs and dance of the late 40s. The humour and acting was superb, from both the seniors and the 'pupils'. Top marks! **SA**

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## What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 2.11.13

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## CHOICE



Trevor Eve (right)

## Waking the Dead Drama, 9pm

This modern classic stars Trevor Eve as Detective Superintendent Peter Boyd. Peter Boyd is a troubled and volatile police officer who's an expert at closing cold cases. Boyd heads up the Cold Case team, a crack squad of police investigators who reopen unsolved murder cases, using new technology to re-examine evidence that hopefully will lead to the killer. New evidence comes to the light in the case of Annie Keel, a woman who tried and convicted twenty-five years ago of a double murder, in which both her husband and neighbour's son were killed in extreme circumstances.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Live Rugby League World Cup. **4.30** Final Score. **5.10** Formula 1: The Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Qualifying Highlights. **6.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **6.30** Strictly Come Dancing. The couples perform their spookiest routines in a Halloween special, with the judges deciding who was frightfully good and who was awfully bad. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly present. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm. **8.15** Atlantis. Hercules visits a witch in an attempt to win Medusa's heart, but when he releases a toxic enchantment, Jason has to undo history - unaware he is walking into a deadly trap. **9.05** The National Lottery Live. Chris Evans reveals the results of the Lotto and the Thunderball. **9.15** Casualty. Iain is deeply affected by an attack on two police officers, stirring up memories of his life in the Army, and Charlie tries to help a young family keep hold of their little girl. **10.05** BBC News; Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day. Including action from Arsenal v Liverpool; National Lottery Update. **11.55** The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Championship, League One and League Two. **1.10** Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **7.10** Film: Second Chorus. (1940) **8.35** Film: Stage Struck. (1958) **10.10** Reel History of Britain. (R) **10.40** The Life of Birds. (R) **11.30** Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** Talking Pictures. **1.25** Film: Becket. (1964) **3.50** Film: Bitter Victory. (1957) **5.30** The House That £100K Built. (R) **6.30** Flog It! Mark Stacey and James Lewis offer advice to antique-hunters in Northampton, and Paul Martin learns about the origins of the corset industry in Market Harborough. (R) **7.30** Meet the Monkeys: Natural World. Colin Stafford-Johnson travels to the Indonesian island of Sulawesi to shed light on the lives of Celebes crested macaques, which are found nowhere else in the world. (R) **8.30** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring discovers he is not a commissioned officer. (R) **9.00** Live from the National Theatre: 50 Years on Stage. A celebration of the company's 50th anniversary, with performances by Judi Dench, Ralph Fiennes, Derek Jacobi, Helen Mirren, Maggie Smith, Benedict Cumberbatch and James Corden. **11.15** The Sarah Milligan Slightly Longer Television Programme. Extended edition. With Suzi Perry, Bruno Tonioli, Matt Baker and Alex Jones. Last in the series. **11.55** Film: A Cock and Bull Story. (2006) Comedy, starring Steve Coogan and Rob Brydon. **1.25** Film: Octane. (2003) **2.50** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **8.15** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Munch Box. **9.25** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.20** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.15** ITV News; Weather. **11.25** Surprise Surprise. (R) **1.10** Doc Martin. (R) **2.15** Catchphrase. (R) **3.00** Film: Star Wars: Episode III - Revenge of the Sith. (2005) **5.35** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** New You've Been Framed! Comical clips, narrated by Harry Hill. **6.30** Fool Britannia. A hapless prison officer keeps losing inmates. **7.00** The Chase: Celebrity Special. With Antony Cotton, Alex Jones, Gyles Brandreth and Paul Martin. **8.00** The X Factor. The battle for a music career continues as the budding pop stars take on classic disco tracks in the fourth live show, and Nile Rodgers and Chic perform a medley of their hits. The results are tomorrow at 8pm. **9.50** The Jonathan Ross Show. With Paul Hollywood, Steve Coogan, Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Pet Shop Boys. **10.55** ITV News; Weather. **11.10** Take Me Out. An accountant, a mixologist, a sales assistant and a historian take part. (R) **12.10** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.45** ITV Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15** The Hoobs. (R) **6.40** The Hoobs. (R) **7.05** Volleyball. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.00** Frasier. (R) **10.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.55** The Simpsons. (R) **12.25** Heston's Titanic Feast. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.55** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** Come Dine with Me. Nail artist and beautician Gina Shepherd hosts the final dinner party from Sheffield, but her guests have low expectations when her menu is revealed. (R) **6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** Double Your House for Half the Money. Sarah Beeny helps a Berkshire family double the size of its 1950s semi and meets a Kent couple who want to create more space in their cramped 1960s detached home. (R) **8.00** Grand Designs. Kevin McCloud follows a project near Newbury to construct a modern farmhouse that combines an open-plan party pad with functional spaces below. (R) **9.00** Film: The Eagle. (2011) Premiere. A Roman centurion and his British slave journey into the wilds of Scotland to recover the standard of a lost legion. Action adventure, with Channing Tatum. **11.15** Film: From Dusk Till Dawn. (1996) Horror, starring George Clooney. **1.20** Film: Once Upon a Time in Anatolia. (2011) **3.55** Hollyoaks. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.10** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.45** Sluggers. **11.10** Inside Hollywood. **11.15** Ben Fogle's Animal Clinic. (R) **12.15** Film: Columbo: Blueprint for Murder. (1972) **1.50** Film: Objective, Burma! (1945) **4.35** Film: The Colditz Story. (1954) **6.30** Lost Heroes of World War One. How the troops became demoralised when they realised their efforts were leading nowhere and the fighting conditions worsened in battles such as Arras and Passchendaele. (R) **7.00** The Great Escape: Revealed. Archaeologists piece together the true story of the famous POW break-out, taking three veterans of the escape attempt back to the remains of Stalag Luft 3. (R) **8.00** War Hero in My Family. David Gower uncovers the story of his uncle and Sara Cox finds out about her grandfather, both of whom made valuable contributions during the course of the Second World War. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Film: Collateral Damage. (2002) A heroic firefighter heads for Colombia to seek revenge after his wife and child are killed in a terrorist attack. Action thriller, with Arnold Schwarzenegger. **11.15** Film: Alien Hunter. (2003) Sci-fi thriller, starring James Spader. **1.00** SuperCasino. **3.10** Scream: The True Story. (R) **4.00** Michael's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.00** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.10** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Top Gear **8.00** Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Recruit (2003) **10.50** Family Guy  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Frozen Planet **8.00** Stories from the Dark Earth: Meet the Ancestors Revisited **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.45** Rock 'n' Roll Britannia **11.45** Totally British 70s Rock 'n' Roll  
**ITV2**  
**5.15** Film: Casper (1995) **7.10** Film: The Perfect Storm (2000) **9.50** The Xtra Factor **10.50** Celebrity Juice: Halloween Special **11.40** Release the Hounds  
**ITV3**  
**2.55** Film: Columbo: Murder with Too Many Notes (2000) **4.45** A Touch of Frost **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **7.55** Foyle's War **10.00** Bomb Girls **11.00** The Crime Thriller Awards 2013  
**Drama**  
**4.20** Birds of a Feather **5.40** The Good Life **7.00** Birds of a Feather **7.40** Jonathan Creek **9.00** Waking the Dead **11.25** Murphy's Law **E4**  
**3.55** Rules of Engagement **4.55** How I Met Your Mother **5.55** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** New Girl **9.00** Film: Shooter (2007) **11.35** Film: Good Luck Chuck (2007)  
**Film4**  
**3.05** Ben-Hur (1959) **7.10** Legend (1985) Fantasy adventure, with Tom Cruise. **9.00** Beverly Hills Cop (1984) A Detroit cop goes to Los Angeles to track down the killers of his friend, who are working for an untouchable drug kingpin. Comedy thriller, with Eddie Murphy and Judge Reinhold. **11.00** A Field in England (2013) Civil War horror, starring Reece Shearsmith.

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# What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 3.11.13

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### CHOICE



Niamh Cusack

#### Catherine Cookson's The Secret Drama, 9pm

Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind is a gritty period drama set during World War I from the pen of the best-selling author. When Bridget McQueen's (Niamh Cusack) family discover that she is returning to Newcastle with her new husband they are delighted, until they discover that Bridget's new man is black. When they have a child, Rose Angela, they are ostracised from many. As Rose Angela grows up, she too discovers that society can be an unforgiving place, and is torn between two men who both declare their love for her. Niamh Cusack and Art Malik star.

### BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.25** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD Extra. **1.00** BBC News: Weather. **1.15** The Story of the Swastika. **1.45** Bargain Hunt. **2.40** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.40** Points of View. **3.55** Songs of Praise. **4.30** Formula 1: Abu Dhabi Grand Prix - Highlights.

**6.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**6.20** Countryfile. Matt Baker finds out how to look after the orchard in the grounds of his Hertfordshire home, and Julia Bradbury discovers how the local landscape inspired sculptor Henry Moore.

**7.20** Strictly Come Dancing: The Results. Another couple perform their last dance.

**8.00** The Paradise. Tom cancels the staff outing to the music hall, so Denise suggests the staff should put on their own show, while also worrying about whether to apply for the head of ladieswear job.

**9.00** Richard Hammond Builds a Planet. The Top Gear presenter creates a CGI world from the top of a two-mile-high tower in the California desert, enlisting the help of scientists to carry out experiments along the way.

**10.00** BBC News: Regional News; Weather.

**10.25** Match of the Day 2. Everton v Tottenham Hotspur and Cardiff City v Swansea City.

**11.30** Rugby League World Cup. Highlights of the latest group matches.

**12.30** The Sky at Night. **12.50** Weatherview. **12.55** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **7.10** Film: The Bride Walks Out. (1936) **8.30** Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets. (R) **9.30** Gardeners' World. (R) **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.30** EastEnders. **1.20** Rugby Union. **2.20** Live Cycling. **5.30** Inspire: The Olympic Journey. Gabby Logan visits Glasgow ahead of next year's Commonwealth Games. (R)

**6.00** Flog It! (R)

**6.30** The Ginge, the Georgie and the Geek. A referee treats a pub like a football pitch. Last in the series.

**7.00** How to Build a Jumbo Jet Engine. Following engineers and workers at Rolls-Royce's Derby factory as they construct the company's Trent 1000 jet engine in preparation for its maiden flight. (R)

**8.00** Africa's Last Oasis: Countdown to the Rains. New series. The lives of animals living near the Luangwa River in Zambia.

**9.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo travels from Turin to Venice.

**10.00** The Wrong Mans. Sam and Phil put themselves at risk to save the day. Last in the series. (R)

**10.30** QI XL. Extended edition. With Jo Brand, Marcus Brigstocke and Danny Baker.

**11.15** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. Eamonn Holmes hosts, with Sarah Millican, Shaun Ryder, Greg McHugh and Jaymi Hensley. (R)

**11.45** Film: The Invisible. (2007) Supernatural thriller, starring Justin Chatwin.

**1.20** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **2.15** Holby City. (R) **3.15** This Is BBC Two.

### ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Canimals. (R) **7.10** Canimals. (R) **7.15** Canimals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.50** Big Time Rush. **8.15** Bottom Knockout Street. **8.30** Fort Boyard Ultimate Challenge. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Storage Hoarders. (R) **10.30** Sunday Side Up. **11.30** Sunday Scoop. **12.30** ITV News: Weather. **12.35** Inside the National Trust. **1.35** Foot Britannia. (R) **2.05** The X Factor. (R) **3.55** Downton Abbey. (R) **5.00** You've Been Framed! (R) **5.30** Prize Island.

**6.35** Regional Programme; Weather.

**6.45** ITV News: Weather.

**7.00** Surprise Surprise. Gok Wan gives an inspirational mother a makeover. Jessie J performs as a surprise for a 13-year-old girl, and a fundraiser is reunited with a friend after almost 30 years apart.

**8.00** The X Factor Results. With live music by Taylor Swift and Little Mix.

**9.00** Downton Abbey. Robert travels to America to bail out Cora's brother, Blake and Mary are forced to put aside their differences and help quarter when Violet is taken ill.

**10.05** ITV News: Weather.

**10.20** OCD Ward. Four severe cases of obsessive compulsive disorder. (R)

**11.20** Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the latest top-flight fixtures.

**12.20** The Store. (R) **2.20** Motorsport UK. **3.10** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

### CHANNEL 4

**6.10** The American Football Show. (R) **7.05** Yorkshire Marathon. **8.00** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.50** The Simpsons. (R) **2.20** The Simpsons. (R) **2.50** The Simpsons. (R) **3.20** Film: Star Trek V: The Final Frontier. (1989) **5.25** Channel 4 News. **9.50** Film: Grease. (1978)

**8.00** Bigfoot Files. Mark Evans travels to Russia to investigate the story of Zana, a "wild woman" said to have been found in the 1870s and thought to be a hominid or Neanderthal. Last in the series.

**9.00** Homeland. A mysterious man enters the country at the US-Canadian border, Carrie puts her mission on the line to complete a risky favour and Saul is forced to rub elbows with an adversary.

**10.00** Was it Something I Said? With guests Robert Webb and Miles Jupp.

**10.25** Toast of London. Steven is offered a starring role in a new film.

**10.50** No Fire Zone. Documentary investigating crimes against humanity alleged to have been committed by the Sri Lankan government during the country's civil war.

**11.45** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. James Corden talks about the DVD release of The Wrong Mans. Tom Hiddleston discusses Thor: The Dark World and Joan Collins shares some of her memoirs. (R)

**12.45** American Football Live. **4.45** Killarney Adventure Race. (R) **5.15** Deal or No Deal. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Bubble Guppies. (R) **6.35** The Mr Men Show. (R) **6.50** Choo's Closet. (R) **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.40** City of Friends. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **7.55** Little Princess. (R) **8.10** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Hana's Helpline. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.30** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.45** Jelly Jamm. (R) **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Sluggert. **11.00** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Film: Ghostbusters. (1984) **3.00** Film: Baby Boom. (1987) **5.10** Film: The Fox and the Hound. (1981)

**6.50** 5 News Weekend.

**6.55** Film: U-571. (2000) Second World War adventure, starring Matthew McConaughey, Harvey Keitel and Bill Paxton.

**9.00** Film: 2012. (2009) Premiere. As the human race faces extinction in a global cataclysm, a writer tries to get his family to the last safe refuge. Disaster movie, with John Cusack and Chiwetel Ejiofor.

**12.10** Film: Creep. (2004) **1.35** SuperCasino. **3.10** The Gadget Show. (R) **4.00** Michaela's Wild Challenge. (R) **4.25** Make It Big. (R) **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.05** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.20** Angels of Jarm. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. (R) **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **5.50** Hana's Helpline. (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Great TV Mistakes **7.10** Film: Cars (2006) **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Sweet the Small Stuff **11.15** American Dad!

**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Yellowstone: Unnatural Histories **8.00** Dreaming the Impossible: Unbuilt Britain **9.00** Searching for Exile - Truth or Myth? **10.00** Searching for Exile: The Debate **11.45** Pink Floyd: Wish You Were Here

**ITV2**  
**3.10** Film: The Borrowers (1997) **4.55** Film: Rumor Has It (2005) **6.55** Film: Dragonheart (1996) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.50** Freshers **11.50** Tricked

**ITV3**  
**1.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **4.05** Film: Blue Murder at St Trinian's (1957) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **7.00** Lewis **9.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **10.00** Film: Meet Joe Black (1998)

**Drama**  
**2.10** Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind **5.10** The Good Life **6.30** A Bit of a Do **7.40** Lark Rise to Candleford **9.00** Catherine Cookson's Colour Blind

**E4**  
**4.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.30** Rules of Engagement **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** Film: The Seeker: The Dark is Rising (2007) **10.00** Drifters **11.00** Channel 4's Comedy Gala **11.55** Misfits

**Film4**  
**2.50** Just My Luck (2006) **4.45** Hocus Focus (1993) **6.40** Definitely, Maybe (2008) **9.00** Season of the Witch (2011) Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage

**10.50** Rosemary's Baby (1968)

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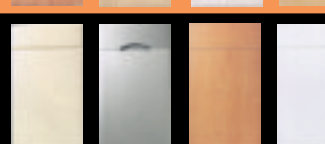
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## Film Choices

## MONDAY

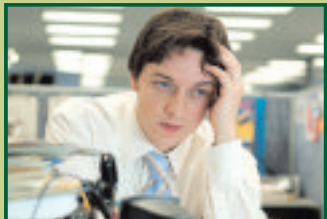
## Judge Dredd, Channel 5, 11pm

A law enforcer in a post-apocalyptic city is framed for a series of crimes committed by a fugitive who shares his DNA. He escapes from a prison transport and returns to hunt down the culprit and clear his own name. Sci-fi thriller based on the 2000AD comic-strip, starring Sylvester Stallone and Rob Schneider. (1995)

## TUESDAY

## The Men Who Stare at Goats, BBC1, 11.50pm

A journalist desperate to be posted to a war zone encounters a special forces agent, who claims to have been part of a top-secret project to endow soldiers with superhuman powers. As the reporter joins the supposed psychic on a journey across Iraq, he discovers the bizarre story behind the experiment. Satirical comedy, starring George Clooney. (2009)



Wanted, Friday, ITV, 11.05pm

## WEDNESDAY

## Step Brothers, Channel 5, 10pm

Brennan and Dale are two 40-year-old men who have never flown the nest. All that changes when Brennan's mother marries Dale's father, and the spoiled sons are forced to share a room. They take an instant dislike to each other, but when their long-suffering parents finally insist they find jobs, they learn to work together. Comedy, with Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly. (2008)

## THURSDAY

## That Touch of Mink, Channel 4, 1.15pm

A sophisticated millionaire businessman goes in passionate pursuit of a strait-laced secretary. She is also attracted to him, but is saving herself for marriage while he only wants a casual affair. However, she remains convinced he is the man for her and tries to change his ways. Romantic comedy, starring Cary Grant, Doris Day and Audrey Meadows. (1962)

## FRIDAY

## Wanted, ITV, 11.05pm

A disillusioned man learns his father was a member of a secret society of assassins dedicated to eliminating people who are destined to commit acts of evil in the future. Having inherited his father's special abilities, he is recruited into the organisation and must take on a former member who has betrayed it. Action adventure, starring James McAvoy and Angelina Jolie. (2008)

## The 13th Warrior, BBC1, 11.50pm

A disgraced nobleman exiled from his Baghdad home joins forces with Norse warriors at the close of the first millennium, and ends up battling seemingly invincible attackers during an epic journey. Action adventure, starring Antonio Banderas and Omar Sharif. (1999)

## Pick of the Week

## Dynamic duo's return is out of this world

Movie fans can rejoice as the ever-engaging Film 2013 returns for a new series.

While reviews of Sandra Bullock/George Clooney blockbuster Gravity, and the documentary Seduced and Abandoned are the backbone of this edition, the success of the show lies in the banter between Claudia Winkleman and co-presenter Danny Leigh.

In between working on Strictly Come Dancing, and hosting The Radio 2 Arts show, Claudia admits she has nothing but praise for Mr Leigh. "He's incredibly kind and brilliant. He's an intellect and he relishes great film," she enthuses. "I am basically always looking for Sandra Bullock. I'm like: 'Is she in it?' Danny says: 'Claud, you've got to stop speaking.' Given her fondness for one of Hollywood's most powerful actresses, Gravity should leave her perched on the edge of her seat.

The tale of two astronauts stranded after their shuttle is wrecked by debris will leave many short of breath. Sandra's

powerhouse performance has already suggested an Oscar nomination, while director Alfonso Cuarón could be up for Best Director.

Do Claudia and Danny discuss the films like Gravity before the show? "Sometimes. There are some films where I have to speak to him immediately. I can't wait. I phone him up and say: 'Did you see...?' But we try and not speak too much about it. We try not to argue, but if we do it's good fun to watch."

The Film 2013 team wisely keep their movies of the year list under wraps until December, so with that in mind, what's been Claudia's favourite film of the past 12 months? "Lincoln is the one that I have re-watched. I thought, 'Have I gone mad?', because I loved it so much, and it only gets better with more viewings. I absolutely loved it."

Is there a film that's changed her life? "Oh, they've all changed my life," she explains. "I've got a soft spot for ET. For me films are emotions and about the first time you saw it."

Danny admits he also has a fondness for Steven Spielberg's moving tale of a stranded alien. "As a child the big ones were things like Time Bandits and ET," he explains. "I started falling in love with the cinema at that point. Maybe when I was a little bit older than that I started watching older films."

I remember stumbling across Citizen Kane as a kid which was on TV at Christmas, and I was very into the Marx brothers as well."

Back to the present, and one of Claudia's fondest memories was seeing the most lucrative film of the year. "Iron Man 3, don't laugh, I think it was out at the beginning of this year, and I took my son. It was the first time me and him had gone to see a proper grown-up film, and when we left, he held my hand and he went, 'Mummy, Can we go and see it again?' So we just went straight back and watched the next viewing," she smiles. "How often does your son think you're cool enough to do that?"



Claudia Winkleman and Danny Leigh, Film 2013, Wednesday, 11.05pm

## Best of the Rest

## MONDAY

## MasterChef: The Professionals BBC2, 8.30pm

MasterChef: The Professionals has run for five ever-gripping series before now, and we're still just as hooked – even those of us who can't knock up a salad without burning it – but judge Monica Galetti thinks she may have the answer to the show's success: "Because it's real, there's no acting involved: we give it to (the contestants) as it is. I love the fact that throughout the programme, we're nurturing the future of the culinary world." Monica joins fellow judges Gregg Wallace and Michel Roux Jr to meet the first batch of eight chefs. They're challenged to put together a dish using a selection of seven ingredients, including artichokes, mushrooms and chocolate. But they've only got an hour...

## The Choir: Sing While You Work BBC2, 9pm

Most people would claim that, bar the odd warble in the shower if the mood so takes them, they can't sing. In fact, the very idea of standing in front of hundreds of people, belting out a tune probably leaves them in a cold sweat. But these folk haven't met choirmaster Gareth Malone. He's back for a second series to put more organisations through their choral paces – in a bid to find the best workplace choir. First up, Gareth's meeting the staff of P&O Ferries, but if he thought it was going to be as simple as taking them through the music scales he can think again – with choir members based at sea on both sides of the English Channel, he's going to have a logistical challenge to overcome...

## TUESDAY

## The Escape Artist BBC1, 9pm

Is it possible to be too good at your job? Junior barrister Will Burton (David Tennant) probably thinks so after his courtroom skills led to serial killer Liam Foyle (Toby Kebbell) being acquitted of murder and let back out on the streets. In this second episode, it looks like there might be a chance to make up for the miscarriage of justice as Liam is back in the dock. For once, Will is going to have to use his talents to bolster the prosecution's case – but he can't be seen to be getting involved as he's also a key witness in the trial. And just to add to the pressure, Will's old adversary Maggie Gardner (Sophie Okonedo) is leading Liam's defence.

## WEDNESDAY

## Agatha Christie's Poirot ITV, 8pm

In order to arrest infamous art thief Marrascaud, the Metropolitan Police create what they believe is a perfect trap. The bait is the Le Mesurier family, and in particular daughter Lucinda (Lorna Nickson Brown). She will be wearing an exceptionally expensive diamond necklace during her society debut, and with 'Hercules Vanquishing the Hydra', an invaluable work by Marrascaud's favourite artist Van Druys on display, that

should lure the light-fingered thief right into the trap. Naturally Hercule Poirot (David Suchet) is in attendance, but to everyone's amazement, Marrascaud steals the painting and jewels, but leaves the butchered body of Lucinda. Poirot is devastated, but a new case involving the missing maid of a famous Russian dancer could bring about Marrascaud's capture.

## River Cottage to the Core Channel 4, 8pm

Nobody could ever accuse Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall of being work-shy. It's anyone's guess as to whether or not television's busiest man will allow himself a couple of weeks' rest before his next project after wrapping up this series tonight, but he's definitely saved the best until last. With the changing of the seasons and the chill of autumn in the air, Hugh's keen to serve up some classic dishes – and it's all getting a bit fruity. He also meets a team from Gleaners UK, who harvest and distribute fruit that would otherwise have been left to rot. The pigs at River Cottage are moving onto a diet of apples from an unused orchard, while Gill Meller and Pam Corbin make the most of rosehips.



The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song, Friday, ITV, 9pm

## THURSDAY

## Breathless ITV, 9pm

The success of period dramas Mad Men and The Hour continue to cast a large shadow over nostalgic dramas such as this. Of course it doesn't hurt that Breathless boasts such a great cast, including Natasha Little, Iain Glen and Jack Davenport. In this week's offering, Elizabeth attempts to manage the situation with Mulligan alone, but it soon becomes obvious that he cannot be reasoned with. Unable to turn to Otto for help, Elizabeth realises Mulligan might win. Angela (Catherine Steadman) eventually gives in to her feelings for Otto, but before anything can happen, Thomas and Elizabeth arrive at the hospital, and remind Angela that he is a married man.

## FRIDAY

## The Nation's Favourite Elvis Song ITV, 9pm

Elvis Presley was one of the 20th century's most significant cultural icons. When he died in August 1977, aged 42, he left a legacy of some of the best-loved songs ever recorded. With the aid of archive footage and home videos, this documentary/ countdown narrated by Zoe Ball, pays tribute to the man behind the music, explains how these classic songs came, about and the effect they had on the world. Among the star-studded cast of contributors are Michael Bublé, Cliff Richard, Suzi Quatro, Michael Ball, Englebert Humperdinck and Cerys Matthews. One of the highlights of the show is an interview with Priscilla Presley, Elvis's ex-wife and mother to their daughter Lisa Marie Presley.

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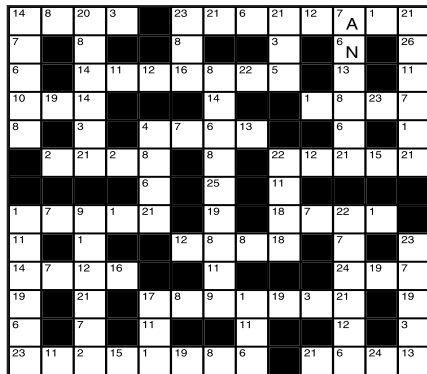
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

B	L	N	Q	Y	T	D	M	C	V	X	G	F
I	J	S	E	K	A	W	O	P	Z	R	H	U

## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

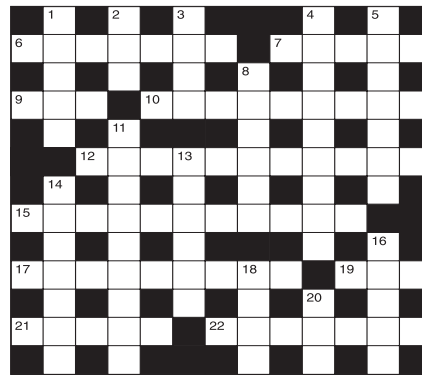
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

6. Beginning again, we learn afresh (7)
7. Exhausted writer found in the street (5)
9. A shore having no mineral residue (3)
10. There's no profit in it (4,5)
12. At which to obtain something that might mean a good deal to someone? (7,4)
15. A novel that shouldn't corrupt, though there's not a word of truth in it! (4,7)
17. Give-away lines? (4,5)
19. Tear in strips (3)
21. Don't worry, it's right to break an axle! (5)
22. Returns from business (7)

## Down

1. Clipped trees into shape (5)
2. It is given to a bishop to understand (3)
3. It's a very good headlight (4)
4. He may get a poor press, aptly enough! (9)
5. Joint that gets dusted? (7)
8. Some restrictions are severe (6)
11. Ideal material for a plinth? (4,5)
13. Does this hen lay golden eggs? (6)
14. 28 lbs for 25 cents (7)
16. Investment, but not necessarily of capital (5)
18. Nautical guy (4)
20. Stamp that is under a penny (3)



## Quick Clues:

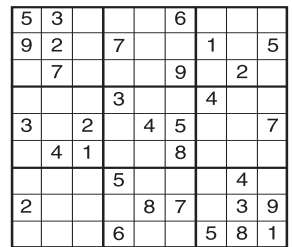
## Across

6. Change (7)
7. Coach (5)
9. Merry (3)
10. Meritorious (9)
12. Make conform to a norm (11)
15. Careful (11)
17. Analysed minutely (9)
19. Rodent (3)
21. Cancel (5)
22. Lay down (7)

## Down

1. Sum (5)
2. Day before (3)
3. Impel (4)
4. Prudent (9)
5. Treat as a celebrity (7)
8. Comment (6)
11. Is prominent (6,3)
13. Observe (6)
14. Wise (7)
16. Swift (5)
18. Always (4)
20. Enemy (3)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

8	5	2	4	1	9	3	7	6
4	1	6	3	8	7	2	5	9
9	3	7	2	6	5	4	8	1
3	6	1	9	7	4	5	2	8
5	9	4	6	2	8	7	1	3
2	7	8	1	5	3	9	6	4
6	8	9	7	3	2	1	4	5
1	2	3	5	4	6	8	9	7
7	4	5	8	9	1	6	3	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Body-snatching; 8 Even song; 9 Item; 10 Eraser; 12 Eskimo; 14 Metric; 16 Secede; 18 Call; 20 Vendetta; 22 Gross receipts. Down: 1 Converge; 2 Hyenas; 3 Undo; 4 Staggers; 5 Shriek; 6 Knee; 11 Recovery; 13 Meditate; 15 Refuse; 17 Credit; 19 Airt; 21 Nice. QUICK - Across: 7 Controversial; 8 Strangle; 9 Earn; 10 Behalf; 12 Impose; 14 Assume; 16 Troupe; 18 Lass; 20 Dilatory; 22 Inconsiderate. Down: 1 Fortress; 2 Strata; 3 Long; 4 Derelict; 5 Asleep; 6 Fair; 11 Fiendish; 13 Separate; 15 Upshot; 17 Outcry; 19 Aunt; 21 Lido.



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- \* Open plan and recently fitted kitchen \* Utility room, play room/dining room
- \* FOUR bedrooms, two en-suites
- \* Driveway parking for several cars
- \* Part garage and private rear garden
- \* This is an ideal family home
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £205,000

**SWINDON**

**Swinforge Way**

- \* Four bed detached, village location
- \* Delightful canal side setting
- \* Lounge \* Dining room
- \* Breakfast kitchen
- \* Upvc double glazed windows
- \* Gas central heating
- \* Garage, driveway parking
- \* PART EX CONSIDERED
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £235,000

**SEDGLEY**

**Tipton Road**

- \* An excellent size family home
- \* In walking distance to Sedgley
- \* Lounge & dining room
- \* Good size kitchen
- \* FOUR bedrooms
- \* Family size rear garden
- \* Garage & off road parking
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £228,000

**COSELEY**

**Summerhill Road**

- \* A DETACHED bungalow
- \* Enhanced and upgraded throughout
- \* Breakfast Kitchen \* Large Conservatory
- \* Lounge & Dining Room
- \* One bedroom (can be converted back into a two bedroom)
- \* Delightful & landscaped gardens
- \* Secure parking through electronic gates
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £225,000

**SEDGLEY**

**Ellymore Road**

- \* A most impressive detached residence, in walking distance to Sedgley Village
- \* Spacious accommodation
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Breakfast kitchen
- \* Four double bedrooms
- \* No Upward Chain
- \* Viewing essential
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £215,000

**SEDGLEY**

**Viewfield Crescent**

- \* A beautifully presented Bungalow
- \* Contemporary accommodation
- \* Large lounge with dining area
- \* Modern kitchen
- \* Two DOUBLE bedrooms
- \* Bathroom with toilet suite
- \* Upvc double glazed windows
- \* Block paved driveway
- \* Good size rear garden
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £205,000

**LOWER GORNAL**

**Raskin Avenue**

- \* A Spacious Detached Bungalow
- \* Positioned on a substantial plot
- \* Extended to the side
- \* Lounge & Dining Room/Sitting Room
- \* Two Double Bedrooms
- \* Bathroom & Separate W.C.
- \* Garage & Rear Garden
- \* Off Road parking to the front
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £185,000

**COSELEY**

**Clifton Street**

- \* A traditional DETACHED home
- \* Open plan lounge/dining room
- \* Modern Kitchen
- \* Three good size bedrooms
- \* An excellent size bathroom
- \* Rear garden & garage
- \* Off road parking for 2/3 cars
- \* An ideal family home
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £174,000

**LOWER GORNAL**

**Wintush Close**

- \* A good size DETACHED property
- \* In an enviable cul-de-sac location
- \* An open plan lounge and dining kitchen
- \* THREE bedrooms, en-suite shower room
- \* Family bathroom
- \* UPVC double glazed windows
- \* Driveway with off road parking
- \* A good size rear garden and garage
- \* An ideal family home
- \* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £173,000

**SEDGLEY**

**Cumberberry Avenue**

- \* An excellent size semi-detached property
- \* Bought after Brownwall Estate
- \* Open plan Lounge & Dining Room
- \* Kitchen & large Garage
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Gas central heating
- \* An ideal family home
- \* EPC Rating - DBC

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £157,000

**UPPER GORNAL**

**Ripley Grove**

- \* SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED
- \* A modern three bed end terrace house
- \* Built 5 years ago, NHBC warranty
- \* Lounge, open plan dining kitchen
- \* Downstairs cloakroom
- \* En-suite to master bedroom
- \* Driveway parking
- \* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £145,000

**SEDGLEY**

**Crown Close**

- \* A beautifully presented property
- \* Situated in walking distance to Sedgley
- \* Garage & off road parking
- \* An excellent size lounge
- \* Recently fitted modern kitchen
- \* Three bedrooms and bathroom
- \* Rear garden
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £144,000

**COSELEY**

**Rosalind Avenue**

- \* A traditional style semi-detached
- \* On the popular Brimford Estate
- \* Lounge & Dining Room
- \* Modern breakfast kitchen
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Garage and drive
- \* Rear garden
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - D

PRICE £128,950

**UPPER GORNAL**

**Valley Road**

- \* A Modern semi-detached property
- \* Extended accommodation
- \* Lounge, Dining Kitchen
- \* Conservatory, Utility room
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* En-suite & bathroom
- \* Garage and drive
- \* An ideal first time buy
- \* EPC Rating - C

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £138,000

**COSELEY**

**Kears Drive**

- \* A Modern semi-detached property
- \* Offering spacious accommodation
- \* Lounge and through dining room
- \* Three bedrooms & Bathroom
- \* Private rear garden with sunny aspect
- \* Driveway and garage
- \* An ideal first time buy
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £129,990

**COSELEY**

**Church Road**

- \* A Traditional terrace property
- \* Deceptively spacious
- \* An open plan modern dining kitchen
- \* Lounge & Sitting Room
- \* Two good size bedrooms
- \* Loft Room (being used as a bedroom)
- \* Good size rear garden
- \* Driveway with parking for 2 cars
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £127,500

**WOLVERHAMPTON**

**Wolverhampton Road East**

- \* A traditional size semi-detached
- \* Access via service road
- \* Two reception rooms
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Kitchen \* side lobby
- \* Cosmetic updating required
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - TBC

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £105,000

**SEDGLEY**

**Tipton Street**

- \* A traditional terrace property
- \* In walking distance into Sedgley Centre
- \* Dining room, Lounge
- \* Kitchen & Utility room
- \* THREE bedrooms
- \* Good size rear garden
- \* An ideal first time buy
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £123,950

**COSELEY**

**The Castings**

- \* Modern end of town house style property
- \* Well maintained and contemporary
- \* An open plan style breakfast kitchen
- \* Conservatory & downstairs W.C.
- \* Two good size bedrooms
- \* Situated on a larger corner plot
- \* Good size rear garden
- \* Two allocated parking spaces
- \* An ideal starter home
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £132,500

**COSELEY**

**Legge Lane**

- \* A well maintained semi-detached
- \* Enhanced and upgraded
- \* Lounge and through dining room
- \* Three bedrooms & Bathroom
- \* Large rear garden with sunny aspect
- \* Driveway and garage
- \* An ideal first time buy
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £117,500

**COSELEY**

**Chad Road**

- \* A GOOD SIZE semi-detached home
- \* Excellent location for good local schools
- \* Lounge & open plan dining kitchen
- \* Three bedrooms
- \* Garage & Driveway parking
- \* Ideal for first time buyers
- \* Viewing highly recommended
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £114,950

**SEDGLEY**

**Castle Street**

- \* A DECEPTIVELY spacious terrace
- \* In walking distance to Sedgley Village
- \* Upgraded and refurbished throughout
- \* Three good size bedrooms
- \* Lounge & Dining Room
- \* Kitchen Extension
- \* An ideal first time buy
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £115,500

**WOODSETTON**

**When Street**

- \* A well presented end terrace
- \* Ample off road parking
- \* Lounge and dining kitchen
- \* TWO bedrooms
- \* Modern bathroom
- \* Pleasant & well maintained garden
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £108,950

**COSELEY**

**Rainbow Street**

- \* A semi detached bungalow
- \* Ideal buy-to-let investment
- \* Current rental income being £6,625 pa.
- \* Kitchen & utility kitchen
- \* Lounge & gallery kitchen
- \* Two bedrooms
- \* Recently installed central heating
- \* Recently re-wired & re-plastered
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - D

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £95,000

**DUDLEY**

**Limes Road**

- \* A modern semi-detached property
- \* Conveniently situated for Dudley Town Centre
- \* Kitchen & good size lounge
- \* Two bedrooms & bathroom
- \* Off road parking for 4 cars
- \* Low maintenance rear garden
- \* Ideal first time buy
- \* EPC Rating - D

£95,000

**LOWER GORNAL**

**The Close**

- \* A generously sized semi-detached
- \* A quiet cul-de-sac location
- \* In need of cosmetic updating
- \* Kitchen and separate dining room
- \* Outhouse with 2 stores and W.C.
- \* THREE good size bedrooms
- \* An excellent size private rear garden
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £94,500

**LOWER GORNAL**

**Park Road**

- \* A BRAND NEW development
- \* 5 Bungalows remaining
- \* High standard and contemporary
- \* OPEN PLAN style living space
- \* Luxury breakfast kitchen
- \* ALLOCATED PARKING
- \* Rear garden with sunny aspect
- \* Ideal for independent individuals
- \* EPC Rating - B

£89,950

**COSELEY**

**Vicarage Road**

- \* Excellent sized 2 bed semi
- \* Some cosmetic updating required
- \* Dining kitchen and lounge
- \* Two store rooms
- \* Upvc double glazing
- \* Gas central heating
- \* NO UPWARD CHAIN
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £84,950

**ETTINGSHALL PARK**

**Dovedale Road**

- \* A well presented Maisonette
- \* In a popular residential location
- \* TWO bedrooms
- \* Kitchen \* Lounge
- \* An ideal for a first time buyer or investor
- \* Viewing is highly recommended
- \* EPC Rating - TBC

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £75,000

**UPPER GORNAL**

**The Arcade**

- \* A SPACIOUS maisonette
- \* Excellent location for local amenities
- \* TWO bedrooms
- \* Lounge, Kitchen & Dining Room
- \* Upvc double glazed windows
- \* Gas central heating
- \* An ideal investment or first time buy
- \* EPC Rating - E

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £68,950





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## GORNAL WOOD

### HIMLEY WOOD

●EPC Rating Awaited●A Considerably Improved Bay Fronted Detached Property●Four Bedrooms●Principal Bedroom Having Refitted En-Suite Bathroom & French Doors●Fantastic Open Plan Lounge Having Bi-Fold Doors To Conservatory●Refitted House Bathroom●Ground Floor Cloakroom●Dining Room●Refitted Kitchen●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Garage●No Chain

£265,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIVIDALE

### OAKHAM ROAD

●EPC D●An Extended Detached●Three Bedrooms●Extended Breakfast Kitchen●Utility Room●Garage●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Rear Garden●Drive●No Chain

£145,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



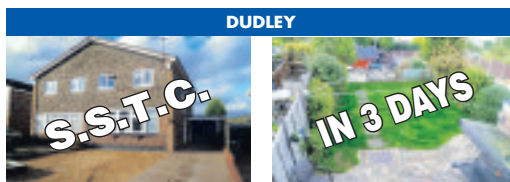
## SWINDON

### WINSTON ROAD

●EPC Rating D●An Improved Semi Detached Property●Three Bedrooms●Lounge●Kitchen Diner●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Enclosed Rear Garden●Popular Area●Viewing Recommended

£149,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

### DARBY END ROAD

●EPC Rating D●Three Bedroom Improved Semi Detached●Lounge●Kitchen Diner●Ground Floor Cloakroom●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Garage●Viewing Recommended

£125,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## MILKING BANK

### HASTINGS COURT

●EPC Rating E●An Extended Detached Property●Five Bedrooms●Lounge●Dining Room Opening Into Conservatory●Ground Floor Cloakroom, Utility Room & Kitchen Having Integrated Appliances●Principal Bedroom Having En-Suite●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Rear Garden Having Lawn & Patio●Block Paved Drive

£245,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## THE STRAITS

### RUSKIN AVENUE

●EPC Rating D●An Extended Detached Bungalow●Two Bedrooms●Dining Room●Extended Lounge●Kitchen Diner●Bathroom●Garage●Corner Plot

£190,000

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIVIDALE

### HILLBANK

●EPC Rating D●An Improved Bay Fronted Semi Detached Property●Three Bedrooms●Lounge●Fitted Kitchen Diner●Refitted Bathroom Having White Suite●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Drive●Garage

£139,950

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIPTON

### GROVELAND ROAD

●EPC Rating B●Two Bedroom First Floor Maisonette●Lounge/Dining Room●Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom●Double Glazing Where Stated●Gas Central Heating System●Allocated Parking●50% Owned●No Upward Chain

£30,000

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### LOCARNO ROAD, TIPTON, DY4

We advise that an offer has been made for the above property in the sum of £77,500. Any persons wishing to increase on this offer should notify the agents of their best offer prior to exchange of contracts. 215 High Street, Dudley, DY1 1PB 01384 455000

£77,500

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£100,000

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### BERNARD ROAD

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£545

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## NETHERTON

**TO LET**

### PURLIN WHARF

●EPC Rating C●Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment●Bedroom One Having En-Suite●Lounge●Fitted Kitchen●Bathroom●Double Glazed●Central Heating●Parking

£550 PM

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## TIVIDALE

**TO LET**

### DUDLEY ROAD WEST

●EPC Rating Awaited●Three Bedroom End Terraced Property●Lounge●Dining Room●Kitchen●Cloakroom

£550 PM

DUDLEY ☎ 01384 455000



## DUDLEY

**TO LET**

### EDWARD STREET

●EPC Rating D●Three Storey Property●Two Bedrooms●Lounge●Dining Room●Kitchen Diner●Double Glazing

£450 PM

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## BRIERLEY HILL

**TO LET**

### ORCHARD STREET

●REDUCED TO £465 per month this property must be viewed to appreciate the value on offer comprising of entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, landing, two bedrooms & bathroom. The property is ideally located for all local amenities and bus routes

£465 PCM

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## DUDLEY

**TO LET**

### REDWOOD AVENUE

●EPC Rating D●An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached●Extended Rear & Front Living Rooms●Fitted Kitchen●Ground Floor Extended Wet Room●Bathroom●Double Glazing●Central Heating●Garden●Garage●Drive

£595 P/M

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## DUDLEY

**TO LET**

### IVY ROAD

●EPC Rating Awaited●Three Bedroom Property●Lounge●Kitchen Diner●Rear Garden●Drive

£525

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## DUDLEY

**TO LET**

### EAST STREET

●EPC Rating D●A double glazed & centrally heated three bedroom property located with close proximity of local amenities & comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen diner, utility room, to the first floor three bedrooms & bathroom. Front & Rear Garden

£550 PCM

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## DUDLEY

**TO LET**

### ST JAMES'S ROAD

●EPC Rating Awaited●Four Bedroom Semi Detached●Two Living Rooms●Extended Kitchen Diner●Ground Floor Cloakroom●Double Glazing●Central Heating●Drive●Garage

£650 P/M

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## LOWER GORNAL

**LET**  
Similar Properties Required

### BROOKDALE

●EPC Rating C●Three Bedroom Semi Detached●Lounge●Fitted Kitchen Having Integrated Hob & Oven●Bathroom Having White Suite●Double Glazing●Central Heating●Contemporary Decorated

£575

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Enjoying an exceptional setting within this highly desirable cul de sac, upon the countryside fringe of Valleyfields, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, MODERN, FOUR BEDROOM, DETACHED, FAMILY HOME affords INCREDIBLY GENEROUS and BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, full width lounge, dining room with attractively refitted kitchen with built-in appliances just off, large separate sitting room, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE) and house bathroom. With a low maintenance fore garden, LONG DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVE LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating C. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£249,950****Milcote Way****DUDLEY****Harvard Close**

An EXCEPTIONAL, tremendously enhanced, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached enviable situated in short/quiet cul de sac just off Richborough Drive. Stylish/enlarged accommodation includes entrance vestibule, traditional 15'9" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, refitted/enlarged kitchen with an extensive range of 'cherrywood' effect units & various integrated appliances, transverse living/dining room & large uPVC double glazed 19FT CONSERVATORY. Principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite (with luxury shower cubicle), two further bedrooms (9'6" ceiling height), bathroom with white suite, garage, neat landscaped garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £187,450****PENSNETT****Woodfield Avenue**

Occupying an excellent corner position with GENEROUS, LEVEL, BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDENS, this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, TRADITIONAL, FOUR BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE requires updating but offers EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS accommodation with FANTASTIC POTENTIAL. FOR IMPROVEMENT, comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge, dining room area, study, fitted kitchen, cloakroom, ground floor W.C., FOUR EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Enjoying a superb cul de sac setting, with DRIVEWAY to fore and a DETACHED TINDEN GARAGE. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£174,950 - No Upward Chain****DUDLEY****The Broadway**

A SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached character with LARGE CONTRACTOR'S GARAGE in popular/convenient neighbourhood. Impressive accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, pantry, dining room with bay & double doors through to a rear lounge, extended 17'7" overall breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, inner lobby, fitted cloakroom & further family/playroom (or even 'occasional bedroom'). Three generous bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with white suite & a large garage (17'10" plus recess x 12'8" max), garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****WORDSLEY****Warwick Road**

A GREATLY ENLARGED AND IMPROVED, MODERN, SEMI-DETACHED, DORMER BUNGALOW located within this pleasant cul de sac upon popular Ashwood Park, offering MOST IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and VERSATILE accommodation, now arranged upon two levels and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, large lounge, conservatory extension, separate dining room / ground floor bedroom, refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, re-appointed bathroom, study, THREE FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE); GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. With DRIVEWAY, GARAGE with USEFUL STORE - POTENTIAL WORKSHOP to the rear and a low maintenance rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£144,950****SEDGLEY****Richmond Road**

A gas centrally heated (combi boiler) & uPVC double glazed traditional inter-war semi detached that has been conscientiously maintained over the years but now requires some sympathetic updating. Most conveniently situated within reasonable distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the accommodation provides reception hall, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom. Narrow 'garage' (16'5" x 6'5"), neat secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £134,950****STOURBRIDGE****Chapel Street**

A THOUGHTFULLY & ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, PERIOD, SEMI-DETACHED HOME which is conveniently located within this popular address, close to local shops / amenities, and offering BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO and comprising: spacious large lounge, inner hall open plan to the attractively refitted kitchen, beautifully re-appointed bathroom with separate shower, TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS, fantastic attic accessed via stairs off landing; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by a LONG REAR GARDEN. EPC Rating: E. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£129,950****SWINDON VILLAGE****Winston Road**

Enjoying a delightful semi-rural setting and enhanced by a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN, which BACKS ONTO THE PLEASANT CANAL SIDE, this WELL PROPORTIONED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires some improvement, but offers a SPACIOUS arrangement of accommodation, comprising: reception hall, lounge with dining room off, fitted kitchen, side hall, rear veranda, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, shower room; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond the GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY to the fore. EPC Rating: T.B.A. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£129,950****DUDLEY****Forest Road**

An EXTENDED, tremendously modernised, refurbished & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached in convenient neighbourhood. Accommodation provides reception hall, pantry, sitting room, SUPERB LARGE DINING KITCHEN with a fine range of units acting as the 'hub of the house', three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, parking, good size secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £127,950****BRIERLEY HILL****Delph Road**

This traditional style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units) and gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom Semi-Detached home would now ideally benefit from certain cosmetic improvements/upgrading yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guests WC, Utility/Store, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, larger than average garage, driveway and a good sized rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating: E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£114,950****COSELEY****Cox Road**

A comparatively spacious, freehold, significantly modernised & improved, RECENTLY UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated (combi boiler) semi detached in relatively quiet 'backwater'. Accommodation includes reception hall, lounge, upgraded breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & a large cupboard off. Two double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite & a shower, separate toilet, further stores. GARAGE (rear vehicular access), neat gardens. EPC Rating: C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £107,450****BRIERLEY HILL****Springfield Road**

This well presented, uPVC Double Glazed, Gas Centrally Heated, THREE BEDROOM mid Townhouse is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and may particularly appeal to both FIRST TIME BUYERS and young families alike. The surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Three Good Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite and a pleasant Rear Garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£89,950****DUDLEY****Bramble Green, Old Park Farm estate**

A conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached with further potential positioned upon popular estate. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, transverse dining kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite, separate toilet, useful stores, garden. EPC Rating: T.B.A. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £80,000****DUDLEY****Abbotsford Drive**

A quite exceptional, highly individual & spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached family home at head of cul de sac within walking distance of Russell's Hall Hospital. Meticulously presented accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, magnificent transverse lounge, sitting room (alternate bedroom 3), shower room, refitted 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units/integrated appliances, garden room, utility room. To the first floor are two double bedrooms (both with extensive wardrobes) & bathroom with a 'Heritage' suite. MAGNIFICENT DISTANT VIEWS, lengthy 39'9" garage, secluded garden & further garden area with potential, extensive parking to front. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £239,950****WALL HEATH****Harvester Way****£10,000 REDUCTION / PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME, very close to open countryside, enjoying an 'open' front outlook, providing a LARGE layout, all BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED throughout, comprising: Reception Hall, large Lounge, Re Fitted Family Dining Kitchen with appliances, Laundry Room, ground floor Guests Cloakroom/WC, LARGE CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, FOUR GENEROUS BEDROOMS (Master with luxury En-Suite Shower Room), refitted House Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£269,950****DUDLEY****Bordeaux Close, Milking Bank**

TREMENDOUSLY EXTENDED, extremely stylish, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated detached family home in favoured cul de sac. Outstanding accommodation includes entrance vestibule, reception hall, stone, elegant 17ft lounge with bay, dining room, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & many integrated appliances, refitted utility & a reappointed cloakroom, spacious 18'7" brick/uPVC double glazed conservatory, FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with numerous fitted wardrobes & a shower room en suite - built in wardrobes to 2 further bedrooms), reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £225,000****NETHERTON****The Willows**

Occupying an enviable corner setting with a select modern development, this MOST BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND EXTREMELY WELL MAINTAINED, EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED, EXECUTIVE STYLED DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a layout with many appealing features and quality appointments, and includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING to vary briefly comprise Reception Hall, Large and Refined Stylish Sitting Room, Separate Formal Dining Room, Well Fitted Kitchen with a fine range of units and comprehensive integrated appliances, Guest Cloakroom, FOUR GOOD BEDROOMS (the Master Bedroom with En-suite leading off, Principal Family Bathroom with a modern white suite, Drive approach to the Garage, and with a Pleasant Rear Garden being enclosed and well landed. The selling agents strongly recommend an internal viewing for full appreciation. EPC Rating: C. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£209,950****SEDGLEY****Alderbrook Close, Northway**

Enviously situated upon FINE CORNER PLOT (with potential), a superb, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached comprising entrance porch, L-shape through lounge/dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'English Cream' finish units, outer porch & a further store, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, lengthy 17'5" garage & further parking for larger vehicles/caravan, etc. sheltered rear garden. Indeed a home which shall require an internal viewing so that full appreciation can be given. EPC Rating: D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers in the region of £195,000****SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****Rowena Gardens, Northway**

An attractive, freehold, gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed charet style detached with carport & garage set at head of short/quiet cul de sac convenient for so many amenities. Conscientiously maintained & impressively upgraded accommodation includes reception hall, tiled cloakroom, L-shape 18ft lounge/dining room with feature 'living flame' gas fire, separate dining room (former bedroom 3) with patio doors through to a brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, recently refitted kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances. To the first floor is a gallery landing, two generous double bedrooms & a bathroom. Carpet, garage, well tended sheltered/secluded rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £199,950, NOW £194,950****DUDLEY****Austin Close, Milking Bank**

A significantly EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, gas centrally heated detached family home with secluded rear garden & good distant views from the front. Set upon well regarded development, the carefully planned accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge with bay & living flame feature gas fire, dining room, upgraded kitchen, pantry, laundry room, fitted cloakroom. Four generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & two with built-in wardrobes), bathroom, walk-in store (two lofts), 17'8" garage, gardens. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £179,995****WORDSLEY****£7,000 REDUCTION****Kinver Street**

Enjoying a generous corner position within this popular and established address, this MODERN DETACHED DORMER STYLE HOME is enhanced by a LARGE 20'11" x 12'11" TINDEN GARAGE, together with a DELIGHTFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN with attractive brick feature, internally requiring home cosmetic updates but providing FANTASTIC POTENTIAL to enhance the SPACIOUS accommodation, comprising: Entrance Porch, pleasant 11' shaped Lounge with Dining Area, Inner hall with storage, fitted kitchen with appliances, Bathroom with separate shower, TWO FIRST FLOOR BEDROOMS; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED BLOCK-PAVED DRIVEWAY which provides ample off-road parking for several vehicles. EPC Rating: D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£172,950****LOWER GORNAL****Addison Croft, Straits**

An attractive, significantly enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in town, favoured cul de sac. There is a feature canopy porch and the accommodation includes reception hall, lounge, dining room, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, refitted kitchen with a range of Shaker 'oak effect' units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), upgraded bathroom with white suite, lengthy 27'10" carport (effectively a garage) with a 'tym' beyond, delightful sheltered garden, lengthy foregarden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £171,950****BRIERLEY HILL****Baxter Road**

Pleasantly situated within this popular address, this BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED AND IMPROVED, THREE BEDROOM, LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME, affords an arrangement of accommodation with both GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, and is seen to briefly comprise: reception hall, pleasant sitting room, extended dining room, superb extended kitchen, three good size first floor bedrooms and a delightful bathroom. Ample drive, and with a beautifully presented and versatile rear garden, indeed a home which shall require an internal viewing so that full appreciation can be given. EPC Rating: D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£169,950**



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**KINGSWINFORD****Fitton Avenue**

OVERLOOKING AN ATTRACTIVE GREEN to the fore upon very popular 'Orestwood Park', this SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED, THOUGHTFULLY AND ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, VERSATILE and BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: Entrance/Coat Hall, Reception Hall, spacious large Lounge, separate formal Dining Room, attractively refitted Kitchen with appliances, separate Sitting Room/Playroom/Office, THREE BEDROOMS and beautifully re-appointed bathroom. GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, WITH HULL WITH BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY to the fore which extends to the side of the property providing an approach to a GARAGE and enjoying a landscaped rear garden with paved patio, decking and lawn. Rating D. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**£169,950****SEDGLEY****Brownswall Road**

Attractive, tremendously enhanced, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached in highly favoured district convenient for so many amenities/open fields/ country park, etc. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, traditional reception hall, store, separate dining room, delightful lounge, enlarged/upgraded kitchen, three generous bedrooms, reappointed/enlarged bathroom with white traditionally style suite, lengthy 22'5" garage, secluded level rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £159,950****LOWER GORNAL****Summer Lane**

Representing a truly rare opportunity, this Victorian style, double glazed (vast majority of majority of units), gas centrally heated and terrace with LARGE ATTACHED WORKSHOPS occupies a generous plot & lends itself to further development/ potential commercial premises (subject to planning permission). Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the property briefly comprises lounge, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, two first floor double bedrooms. Outside: two large workshops (one with inspection pit), attached office, lengthy driveway, garden area. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £159,950****COSELEY****Denise Drive**

NO UPWARD CHAIN An absolutely outstanding, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached (in favoured cul-de-sac) that has been "transformed" by present vendors in recent years. Exemplary standard of accommodation throughout including: entrance porch, reception hall, store, enlarged 16'8" lounge with bay, and "living flame" gas fire, transverse 25'3" refitted "hub of the house" dining kitchen with a range of "Avanti" units & double doors out to garden. Three generous bedrooms (two with built in double wardrobes) and a further spare storage (with potential), enlarged/reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Garage, lengthy garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £158,750****DUDLEY****Northgate Close, 'Sovereign Heights'**

A COMPARATIVELY SPACIOUS, particularly stylish, FOUR BEDROOM, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated intermediate townhouse at head of short cul de sac constructed by David Wilson Homes circa 2005 & covered by balance of NHBC guarantee. Personal inspection visit to appreciate quality/flexibility of the accommodation. To the ground, 16'5" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, store, fourth bedroom & a utility room. To the first floor, L-shape lounge/dining room & a 'hub of the house' breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances. To the second floor, three generous bedrooms (principal bedroom with shower room en suite) & a bathroom with white suite, GARAGE, garden with patio and distant views. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £157,000****LOWER GORNAL****The Straits**

OFFERS TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL & occupying a fine corner plot in popular/ convenient neighbourhood, a gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached for improvement. Accommodation provides reception hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, store, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens & BRICK GARAGE to side. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****SEDGLEY****Bath Street**

An EXTENDED, modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached conveniently situated within walking distance of so many amenities. The accommodation includes recessed porch, reception hall, store, dining room with bath, lounge with double opening doors out to the decking, extended refitted kitchen with an extensive range of units & many integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating: E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £137,950****QUARRY BANK****Hill Street**

THIS IMMACULATELY PRESENTED, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, TWO BEDROOM DETACHED HOME has been subjected to a comprehensive recent scheme of modernisation / improvement by the current owners, and SIMPLY MUST BE VIEWED to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, the property briefly comprises: entrance hall, stylish lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, and rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£137,500****QUARRY BANK****Birch Tree Gardens**

DELIGHTFULLY SITUATED in a quiet cul-de-sac, this DOUBLE GLAZED (vast majority of units being uPVC), GAS CENTRALLY HEATED, TWO / THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTY is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN, and is WELL WORTHY OF INTERNAL INSPECTION. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, L-shaped lounge / dining room, sitting room / bedroom three, kitchen, two first floor double bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway, and a mature rear garden. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265.

**£134,950****PENSNETT****Tansey Green Road**

With a LARGE DRIVEWAY approach and a VERY LARGE REAR GARDEN, which backs onto fields, this TRADITIONAL SEMI DETACHED HOME has been SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED, offering a GENEROUS LAYOUT which is WELL PRESENTED, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING/ UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Attractive Lounge, Dining Room, Study/ Office Area, LARGE KITCHEN EXTENSION, TWO BEDROOMS and a GENEROUS LUXURY REFITTED BATHROOM. VIEWING ESSENTIAL. EPC Rating: TBA. KINGSWINFORD 01384 401777

**£134,950****COSELEY****Avenue Road**

This traditional style, considerably enlarged, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home is beautifully presented throughout, and is well worthy of an internal inspection. The much improved property briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, lounge with bay, fabulous extended open plan kitchen/dining/ family room, guest w.c. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with a white suite, block paved driveway, and a lawned rear garden. EPC Rating: D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £132,950****COSELEY****Cedar Avenue, Bramford Estate**

An extended, freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed semi detached with tremendous potential in well regarded neighbourhood. Accommodation provides entrance porch, hall, store, lounge with bay, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, LARGE LOFTY GARAGE, lengthy garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £124,950****COSELEY****Butterworth Close, Hurst Hill**

An ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached that has been considerably upgraded in recent years but with scope for further improvements. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance hall, lounge, UPGRADED KITCHEN (with recently installed range of units & various integrated appliances), three bedrooms, recently reappointed shower (former bathroom) with white suite, parking & garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £124,950****BROCKMOOR****High Street**

This modern style, Double Glazed, gas centrally heated, Three Bedroom Semi Detached home would now ideally benefit from certain cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet OFFERS EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Front / Rear Gardens, and Parking to Rear. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£119,950****COSELEY****Corfe Road, Hurst Hill**

A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached presented in superb order throughout set at head of cul de sac with good distant views. Accommodation includes reception hall, store, dining room with bay, lounge, kitchen (with oven, hob & fitted), pantry, three bedrooms (two with fitted wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, block paved driveway & brick GARAGE, delightful expertly tended sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £119,950****LOWER GORNAL****Brook Street**

A highly individual, spacious, SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & mostly uPVC double glazed end terrace of character within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Superb accommodation includes 22'7" through living/dining room (with some exposed beams) & a kitchen beyond. To the first floor is a principal (21ft overall) bedroom suite having clearly defined dressing section with bedroom beyond, a further double bedroom 2 and a reappointed bathroom with white suite. Neat secluded rear garden. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £114,950****COSELEY****Butterworth Close, Hurst Hill**

Beautifully situated in a quiet cul de sac, this uPVC double glazed, warm air centrally heated semi detached would now ideally benefit from sympathetic modernisation/improvement & is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Accommodation briefly comprises lengthy side lobby/hall, transverse lounge, kitchen, three good bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway, rear garden. EPC Rating D. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £114,950, NOW £108,950****BRIERLEY HILL****High Ercal Avenue**

Enjoying a broad frontage this MOST APPEALING AND WELL ARRANGED, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM, SEMI DETACHED HOME affords a splendid layout with both DOUBLE GLAZING and Night Storage heating to briefly comprise: porch, reception hall, sitting room, large separate dining room, kitchen, side hall with guests cloakroom off, two good double bedrooms, shower room and separate w.c. Broad fore gardens, drive approach to detached single garage and with an enclosed rear garden. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating D. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£102,000****ROWLEY REGIS****14 SANDFORD AVENUE**

A deceptively spacious three bedroom end terrace having gas radiator heating and double glazing, requiring internal inspection and comprising: Porch, hall, delightful lounge with feature fireplace, breakfast kitchen with built in oven and hob, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, off road parking and pleasant garden. EPC Rating D. HALESOWEN OFFICE

**OFFERS AROUND £95,000****COSELEY****Ettingshall Road**

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**BRIERLEY HILL****Cooper Avenue**

This traditional style, majority uPVC Double Glazed, TWO BEDROOM Semi Detached property would now ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement / upgrading, yet offers EXCELLENT POTENTIAL. Accommodation briefly comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Good Bedrooms, Bathroom and Rear Garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC Rating E. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**£74,950****UPPER GORNAL****The Arcade**

A MOST COMPETITIVELY PRICED, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed, ENLARGED maisonette most conveniently situated, for so many amenities. Accommodation includes reception hall, transverse 16'6" lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom. EPC Rating E. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £69,950****DUDLEY****Edenbridge View, Milking Bank Area**

50% SHARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE. Enviously situated at head of cul de sac section, a gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district within walking distance of so many amenities. Vendor's 50% share available for sale (other 50% owned by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental) with accommodation providing entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen, store, two generous double bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, parking to front & good sized sheltered rear garden. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**PRICE: £62,475 FOR 50% SHARE.****LOWER GORNAL****Five Ways Court, Lake Street**

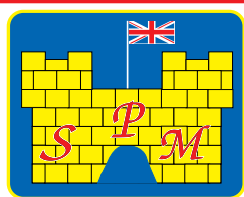
50% SHARE FOR SALE A comparatively SPACIOUS, stylish, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed FIRST FLOOR flat with good distant views forming part of gated development. Vendors 50% share available for sale (other 50% owners by Housing Association who charge a fair market rental). "Entry phone" system to shared hall/landing with flat comprising: reception hall, superb 16'8" lounge with well equipped kitchen beyond with a fine range of "beech" effect units & integrated appliances. TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & white suite), bathroom. Allocated parking, communal grounds. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**WAS £51,000, NOW £49,950 for vendors 50% share****DUDLEY****Attingham Drive, 'Sovereign Heights'**

NO UPWARD CHAIN  
50% SHARE A comparatively SPACIOUS, uPVC double glazed Ground Floor Apartment having a slightly larger design than others on the development, and representing an ideal opportunity for first time buyers when the present owners 50% share is available for sale. "Entry phone" style security system to entrance lobby (front & rear) with the apartment comprising: central reception hall, 18 ft through living room with patio doors, and a well equipped kitchen section having a range of stylish "maple" effect units & various integrated appliances. TWO BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in double wardrobe and a shower room en suite), bathroom with a white suite. Communal grounds, allocated parking. EPC Rating C. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Semi-Detached House, Lounge/Diner, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Gas Central Heating, Front & Rear Garden, Garage, Unfurnished

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**£470 pcm**  
Second floor flat, Lounge, Kitchen, One Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Allocated Parking

**GORNAL**

NEW

**HARVEST CLOSE**

**£560 pcm**  
Semi Detached Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Front & Rear Garden, Off Road Parking

**SEDGLEY**

NEW

**ROWAN ROAD**

**£575 pcm**  
Terrace Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating, Off Road Parking, Front & Rear Gardens, Unfurnished

**PENSNETT**

NEW

**HIGH STREET**

**£410 pcm**  
First Floor Flat, Entrance, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with Shower, Gas Central Heating, Unfurnished

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**£595 pcm**  
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**£550 pcm**  
Terraced Property, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Unfurnished, Rear Garden

**DUDLEY**

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**BURTON ROAD**

**£575 pcm**  
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## Get a winner with the new Honda CR-V

**HONDA'S British built CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC is now in the salerooms. Available in three trim levels, prices for this new variant start at £22,800 on the road for the entry level S, £24,660 for the SE and £26,880 for the 1.6 i-DTEC range topping SR trim.**

The new 1.6 i-DTEC diesel engine made its debut in the British built Civic earlier this year and now it's making its way into the popular CR-V. With increasing demand for lower cost motoring, the trend for two-wheel drive diesel SUVs has grown and now represents over a quarter of the total C-SUV market in Europe. The new CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC is tackling this trend head on.

With the new 1.6 i-DTEC engine in the CR-V, customers get the best of both worlds; the practicality and styling of an SUV with the lower emission and fuel efficiency that a small diesel engine offers. Fuel economy on the combined cycle is up to an impressive 62.8 mpg and means the CR-V has the potential to cover up to 800 miles on one tank of fuel. In addition, CO2 emissions as low as 119g/km mean the CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC qualifies for zero road tax for the first year and as low as £30 annual road tax thereafter.

The introduction of this new engine ensures that the CR-V is an appealing proposition in the competitive corporate market. This new variant is expected to help the CR-V make an

appearance on more fleet listings as it slips below the 120g/km barrier and is 2WD. The car's combination of impressive fuel economy and agile performance, combined with the practicality and luggage space the CR-V is famed for, plus Honda's acknowledged reputation for reliability, it's a car which is expected to catch the eye of company car fleet managers and user choosers. In the current tax year 2013/14, CR-V 1.6 S and SE grades will benefit from P11D tax rates starting from 18 per cent, only increasing by one per cent in tax year 2014/15, making for a highly tax efficient vehicle. Benefits to both the fleet manager and private drivers are further increased with an outstanding combined cycle of 62.8mpg.

### Adjustable

The new CR-V will be available with three generously equipped trim levels – S, SE and SR. The entry level S costs £22,800 on the road and features DAB Radio, dual zone climate control air conditioning, cruise control, electric adjustable and heated door mirrors, USB connectivity, steering wheel remote audio controls, 5in Intelligent Multi Info Display (i-MID), 17in alloy wheels as well as all the driver safety aids such as ABS (Anti-Lock Braking System), driver seat power lumbar support and Vehicle Stability Assist (VSA) as standard.

An optional T Grade is also available on the S specification and for an additional £765 it adds SD Navigation system and Bluetooth Hands Free Telephone (HFT).

The next step up is the SE at £24,660 OTR

featuring all the equipment found in the S model but with the addition of front and rear parking sensors, rear view camera, Bluetooth hands-free telephone, CAT 1 alarm with ultrasonic sensor, leather steering wheel, leather gear shift, rain-sensing auto wipers, dusk sensing auto lights and auto dim rear view mirror. SE customers also have the opportunity to upgrade to the T Grade to include the SD satellite navigation system.

### Premium

The SR tops off the CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC range at £26,880 OTR with standard goodies including, Alcantara/leather upholstery, heated front seats, premium audio with subwoofer, painted roof rails, privacy glass, Bi-HID xenon headlights with auto levelling, active cornering lights, High Beam Support System (HSS), headlight washers, front fog lights, driver and inpassenger seat power lumbar support and 18in alloy wheels.

The CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC is available in two-wheel drive only and features a six-speed manual gearbox with an exact capacity of 1597cc. It offers a maximum power output of 120PS at 4,000rpm while maximum torque is 300Nm at 2,000rpm.

The combination of a lightweight engine and two-wheel drive system means that the new CR-V 1.6 i-DTEC weighs 116kg less than the 2.2 i-DTEC model which not only helps to bring down emissions and achieve better fuel economy, but ensures sure-footedness whilst also delivering agile handling.



The new Honda CR-V is available in three trim levels – S, SE and SR. Prices start from £22,800

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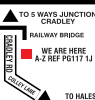
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## Motoring

# Cool for cars – Merc rises in brands list



Urban chic – Mercedes has moved up five places since making the list last year

**MERCEDES-BENZ** again features prominently in the annual CoolBrands list, ranked 11th from more than 10,000 independently-identified brands in the 2013/14 survey.

The company's position shows a climb of five places over its 2012 CoolBrands debut, and is the highest position of any "full-line" automotive brand – describing a car company with a wide range of models. The outright winner was Apple.

The CoolBrands list, now in its 12th year, follows a vote by a combination of 3,000 consumers and a panel of 37 designers, style experts, media personalities and prominent figures from the worlds of TV, fashion and music.

Helping rate coolness this year were the likes of TV chef Gizzi Erskine, musicians Laura Mvula and Charli XCX, Bestival founder Rob da Bank and model Daisy Lowe.

This year, Mercedes-Benz has delivered a wealth of new models to UK customers including: The new A-Class compact hatchback; compact CLA four-door coupé; New E-Class family; GL-Class SUV; the stunning new S-Class luxury saloon. The exciting GLA compact SUV will arrive in spring 2014.

Marcus Breitschwerdt, president and CEO Mercedes-Benz UK, said: "Mercedes-Benz is breaking one sales record after another in the UK – we're the fastest-growing premium manufacturer, and AMG is the UK's fastest-growing high performance brand.

"Our showrooms around the country are full of the coolest cars we've ever made, and we're tireless in our efforts to bring more innovation, style – and great service of course – to more customers than ever before."

Breitschwerdt continued: "It's really great to see that as well as attracting more new customers to our brand, our efforts have been identified by a panel of expert judges and 3,000 consumers."

Stephen Cheliotis, Chairman of the CoolBrands Expert Council, said: "The brand qualities we examine in the CoolBrands survey – such as authenticity and innovation – can be key influences on consumer purchasing, so performing well is not just a thumbs up for a brand's reputation, but an indication of its future success."

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# Motoring



Just 500 TTS limited editions will be built and 120 will be sold in the UK

## New limited edition TT marks 500,000th sale

THE Audi TT has reached the landmark sales figure of 500,000 since it was first launched in 1998 and Audi is celebrating with the arrival of a TTS limited edition model.

Priced from £38,860 for the coupe and £42,320 for the Roadster, the TTS limited edition comes with exclusive Nimbus Grey paint for the coupe and Imola Yellow for the roadster.

Only 120 TTS limited edition models will make it to the UK out of 500 built in total.

Both versions of the Limited Edition have 19-inch alloy wheels as standard, along with grey leather upholstery, rear parking sensors, satellite navigation

and a Bose stereo system. In total, the limited edition has £5,665 worth of extra equipment included for a price increase of £2,815 over a standard TTS model.

Performance remains the same as for the standard TTS, so both coupe and Roadster come with a 268bhp turbocharged 2.0-litre petrol engine coupled to either six-speed manual or twin-clutch S tronic gearboxes. From rest to 62mph takes 5.3 seconds and each has a top speed of 155mph.

The production of the 500,000th Audi TT underscores the success of the compact sports car, which debuted as a coupé in 1998 and as a roadster the year after.

The TT set standards not only for its design purity but also for its technol-

ogy, which included 'downsized' turbocharged engines, quattro all-wheel drive for the high-end models and the six-speed S tronic transmission, which debuted in the range in 2003.

The second generation model, which followed in 2006, marked the first time that Audi succeeded in reversing the weight spiral.

Thanks to its ASF (Audi Space Frame) body, which is made predominantly of aluminium, the new version weighs as much as 90 kilograms less than its predecessor. The low weight enables strong performance with very low fuel consumption. Another Audi innovation was the TT 2.0 TDI quattro: the world's first premium-segment sports car with a powerful diesel engine and all-wheel drive.



The new i10 offers more interior space and there's less noise inside the cabin

## Prices will stay the same for the new Hyundai i10

THE new Hyundai i10 goes on sale in the UK from the end of January and prices will start at £8,345, which is the same price as the outgoing model.

Hyundai promises a big step forward in the comfort, quality and equipment of the new i10. All models will come with six airbags as standard, plus electric front windows, CD stereo and daytime running lights. All but the base model will also have air conditioning included and there are four trim levels covering S, S Air, SE and Premium.

Longer, wider and lower than the

outgoing i10, the new model offers more interior space and a boot that now accommodates 282-litres of luggage with the rear seats in place. Hyundai also says it has reduced noise inside the cabin at all speeds.

There are two petrol engines to choose from with 1.0 and 1.2-litre units mated to a five-speed manual gearbox. An automatic transmission is an option for the 1.2-litre engine. A Blue Drive version of the 1.0-litre provides 98g/km carbon dioxide emissions.

Tony Whitehorn, president and CEO of Hyundai Motor UK, said: "The i10 has proved to be a hugely popular model in Hyundai's range and it has

successfully maintained annual sales above 20,000 units since 2009. The new generation i10 builds on this success with a more expressive and stylish car that majors on refinement, quality, safety, generous specification and also value. With this in mind, Hyundai expects that the new model will still appeal to both existing i10 owners as well as those customers who may not have considered Hyundai in the past."

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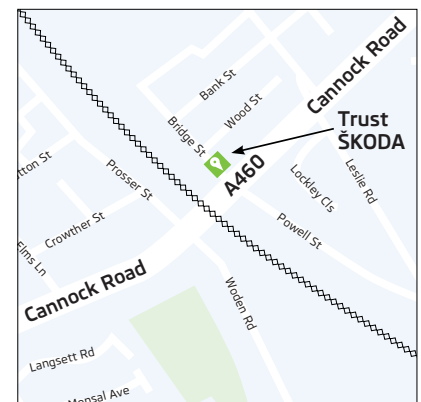


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For decades those two sets of differences were obvious every time the Americans tried to sell a car this side of the Atlantic; a few of us had the money to feed their cars' thirst and some of us didn't mind a build quality the wrong side of a DIY project.

Well, things are changing. Even an American driver worries about the cost of a fill up and exposure to the better European machines has developed a taste for cars that make an owner proud to be seen in one.

It's hard to think of a brand more closely linked with the States than Jeep, the builder of tough machines that will go places a well trained tank driver might hesitate over.

But even Jeep, now controlled by Fiat in Italy, is aiming to please European buyers with cars that compete with the best on performance and economy and don't look shabby inside, anymore.

The shining example of this newish way of thinking comes in the muscular but gently understated looks of the latest Jeep Grand Cherokee, with refreshed looks at the front and deeper changes inside and under the skin.

### Banishing

Most important are the Fiat inspired changes to the big diesel engine that powers almost every Euro-bound Grand Cherokee; a vastly powerful petrol V8 is available but will be bought by almost nobody here.

It's now more economical and, bolted to a new eight speed automatic transmission, gives this big, heavy car a spritely turn of speed and the possibility of decent economy with sensible use of the right foot.

It's up there with the likes of Land Rover's Discovery on both performance and consumption and feels genuinely swift when the super-smooth gearbox is prodded into changing down.

Even more surprising, with memories of wobbly riding Jeeps of old, was an air sprung suspension system that coped beautifully with a host of road sur-



**Tough machines that feel genuinely swift when the gearbox changes down**

faces, only going temporarily to pieces on a stretch ribbed by submerged tree roots.

Inside, the changes are aimed at banishing the built down to a price feel of too many American cars. It's a partial success, with smart leather on the seats and a new and delightfully legible instrument panel, quite the equal of anything from, say, Mercedes.

Only some oddly open grained wood trim in black let the side down, even if a step up from the horrid and obviously plastic 'wood' we used to see in upmarket American autos.

Where there's no denying the Grand Cherokee's strength is in what you get for your money. The range starts at £36,995 for the Laredo version, the only one with a depowered version of the diesel engine fitted across the range.

You guess it's there to make the entry price look enticing but I suspect more buyers will go for the £49,495 Summit that tops the diesel range and comes equipped with kit.

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## Winners Lions in a battle

Stourbridge Lions 34  
Droitwich 10

FROM the kick off Droitwich launched a powerful attack which the Lions did well to withstand.

However, within a few minutes the home side's Aaron Boffey scored with Sam Wilson converting.

In quick time Boffey's centre partner Jack Deakin added to the score but the kick was missed.

Duncan Chance added a 10th try to his seasonal tally and Wilson again added the extras.

With a few minutes to half time Boffey was sin-binned reducing Stourbridge to 14.

Rob Scott-Walker kicked the resulting penalty to further punish the Lions.

In the second half the Lions put Duncan Chance over once more to secure the bonus point.

The conversion was missed but the disappointment was short-lived when a Boffey break put winger James Mitchell in to score.

The game was over but the otherwise excellent Boffey dropped a pass which the Droitwich terriers scooped for a consolation try.

Joy was short-lived for the visitors as Dan Shrimpton finished with another try.

## Giles puts the match out of reach

Dudley Sports 1  
Wednesfield 2

IN-FORM Wednesfield protected their unbeaten run of seven West Midlands Premier League games with a very entertaining game.

Chances were few and far between with both defences dominating until the 40th minute.

Tom Maydew put the finishing touch to a good build up with an excellent shot from the edge of the area to put Wednesfield in front.

The visitors held on to their slender lead with keeper Sam Arnold playing his part with some good saves.

However, Sports deserved their equaliser on the hour when Dominic Strevens with a simple tap in from six yards after Wednesfield had failed to clear a corner.

With both sides going all out for the three points both keepers were kept busy.

It was Wednesfield's Sam Giles who clinched the game in the 70th minute.

# Eleven and counting for unbeaten Tivs

Coventry Sphinx FC 1  
Tivdale FC 2

THE unbeaten run continued as Tivdale made it 11 out of 11 with a victory at the home of Coventry Sphinx.

The win was all the sweeter as it was the home side that had ended Tivdale's participation in this season's FA Cup and FA Vase competitions.

In both those games Tivdale felt they did not get what they fully deserved on the balance of play but not this time.

Tivdale were the dominant side throughout the game and

fully deserved their win. Tivdale should have been well ahead when they did open the scoring on 26 minutes.

By that time Karl Edwards had hit the post and was denied by Sphinx keeper Carl O'Neill and it was another brilliant O'Neill save from a Jason Chilton free kick, palming it over the crossbar that led to the Tivdale goal.

Chilton's corner found Nathan Waite and his front post header gave O'Neill no chance.

Tivdale piled on the pressure but just could not find that vital

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second goal and on the half hour Sphinx must have felt the curse was on them when O'Neill was sent off for deliberate handball outside his area.

There was no doubt about the handball, but not sure about it preventing a goal scoring opportunity to earn the straight red.

Five minutes later it was 10 men each, when forward Karl Edwards was sent off for what was alleged to be an elbow, the culmination of a 10 minute

running battle with the Sphinx centre backs and coming just two minutes after he was booked for the same thing.

With both teams down to 10 men Sphinx went into the second half with a 4-3-2 formation while Tivdale stayed with a 4-4-1 line up and the Sphinx change was the one that worked the better as they were the superior side and for the first time put some sustained pressure on the Tivdale defence.

But on 70 minutes Tivdale struck again the impressive Ryan Winwood released Waite

and he held off two defenders before firing his and Tivdale's second via the inside of the post.

Tivdale should have put the game well and truly to bed but Winwood and substitutes Leigh Downing and Stuart How all missed great chances. How the unluckiest when his effort smashed off the crossbar.

On the stroke of the 90 minutes. A speculative Ashley Jackson effort was deflected past a stranded Charles Price and this made it a nervy five minutes of injury time, but in the end it was a deserved victory.

# Spot kick jinx goes on as Tipton fail to score

Shepshed 0 Tipton 0

TIPTON'S spot kick horrorshow continued at Shepshed as Marvin Nisbett spurned Town's seventh penalty in a row deep into stoppage time.

In a game short on goalmouth action, three points for Tipton would probably have flattered them on the scant balance of play. Tipton boss Ian Rowe brought in midfielder Dave Meese for the injured Mike Perks while James Pemberton returned in goal and Connor Gater made his first start.

It took until the 15th minute before anything approaching a clear cut opportunity emerged as a penetrating pass by Gater found Nisbett rushing through on goal, only for an excellent challenge by Craig Attwood to deny him a shooting chance.

### Cleared

On 24 minutes Jonathan Jones should have given the home side the lead as he headed wide from a good chance and Chris Waterhouse cleared from a shot by the same player minutes later which Pemberton could only parry.

The second half was a marginally more entertaining affair with Shepshed starting the brighter.

On 49 minutes a Jay Smedley freekick drifted wide after John Hill had fouled Luke Edwards.

Dave Meese forced a good save from Shepshed keeper Ryan Thacker from a corner on 54 minutes and 60 seconds later at the other end of the pitch Graham

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Ashton was forced to take evasive action to clear off the line. On 59 minutes Jones hit the bar for Shepshed with a header from a corner, which was the closest the home side came to breaking the deadlock.

Ben Hadley should have done better on 63 minutes when a good cross by Danny Ashton found him deep in the box but he was unable to direct his header.

In the closing stages, both sides had half chances to break the deadlock with Dave Meese manufacturing a shooting chance which he was just unable to bring under control and then Pemberton produced a good save from an angled shot by Edwards.

Deep into injury time, substitute Chris Rabone sprinted on to a pass by Gater only to be felled by Thacker as he rushed out of his goal.

Nisbett's tame shot was saved by the keeper, meaning Tipton have now failed to convert in their seven penalty attempts.

## Rotary club gets young rugby team kitted out



The DKRFC U-14s display their new kit with the Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club president Roy Cleaver

A ROTARY club has come to the rescue of a young rugby team who were in need of a new kit.

The Dudley and Kingswinford Rugby Football Club (DKRFC) have a thriving under-14s team.

Their home ground is at Wall Heath just a few hundred metres from the

Kingfisher Country Club where Sedgley and Wombourne Rotary Club meet every Thursday evening.

The S&W club heard the rapidly growing U-14s were in need of new kit and were looking for sponsors.

The club offered to buy the new kit as one of its projects of helping young

people to extend their abilities.

In return the U-14s agreed to have the Rotary club name and emblem printed on their new shirts.

This has been a win-win situation for the team and Rotary. The S&W Rotary Club now has its name and logo on the shirts.

## Glassboys book their place for Cup round

Workington 1 Stourbridge 3

GARY HACKETT'S men claimed their place in the first round of the FA Cup for the third time in five seasons when a battling team display saw the Glassboys overcome struggling Conference North outfit Workington.

The prize for this fourth qualifying round win is a home tie with fellow Calor League Premier Division side Biggleswade Town on November 9.

On 10 minutes, the visitors opened the scoring as Sean Geddes floated in a right-wing corner and Jamie Oliver got in a glancing header that found the net.

Coleman saved at Jackson's feet to boost the Glassboys' confidence and they got their reward when a Geddes flag-kick was headed home by Richards.

Twelve minutes from time the visitors struck again as a mistake from Kyle May allowed Benbow a free run on goal and he coolly rounded Wimmer before slotting home into an empty net.

With four minutes left, Workington grabbed a consolation goal when Ross Wilson picked out an unmarked Phil McLuckie who fired home a rising shot.

## Four titles on the line for boxers

BOXING fans are in for a treat at Priory Park ABC's next show with no fewer than four titles on the line.

The show at the Venue on Friday November 1 will see eight fighters battle it out for coveted Central Area belts.

Priory Park's Josh Aston takes on Warley's Mat Windle for the vacant bantamweight crown, while Priory's Sikander Rasool defends his lightweight title against Scunthorpe's Matthew Harness.

Ryan Partridge, also of Priory, faces Bracebridge's Nathan De Castro for the vacant middleweight belt and Walsall Wood's Dan Breeze defends his title against an as yet unnamed opponent.

Six further fights complete the bill.

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## Champ to hand out medals to Heathens

NATIONAL League champions Dudley will be handed their medals by new World Champion Tai Woffinden.

British racer Woffinden, who has put the sport back on the map in the national media with his stunning title glory, has agreed to be special guest at the Heathens presentation night on Friday, November 15, at the Copthorne Hotel in Brierley Hill.

It's a massive honour for the Heathens and their riders to have the World No.1 at what promises to be an emotional evening as Heathens supporters celebrate their first title in 30 years.

Dudley chairman Nigel Pearson said: "I've been talking to Tai about this for the past fortnight but we had to wait to ensure he was available.

"As a club we are thrilled to have the World Champion at our presentation. What he has done for the sport is remarkable, appearing on BBC breakfast TV and radio, in the newspapers and generally putting the sport back in the shop window.

"It was always going to be a special night because of our massive success this season - but this just makes it even more special and Tai will be happy to sign autographs and have his picture taken.

The event has already sold 300 tickets.

## Garlick role permanent

ALBION have confirmed Richard Garlick as sporting and technical director on a permanent basis.

The 36-year-old has completed a probationary period after replacing Dan Ashworth in the summer.

Garlick will oversee the first team, player recruitment, medical services and the Baggies' academy.

Chairman Jeremy Peace said: "Richard has settled into his new role admirably. We now look forward to him further stamping his mark on the post."

Garlick added: "The last nine months have been challenging but also very rewarding. I'm delighted to have been appointed on a permanent basis."

Albion have also promoted Dave McDonough to the role of director of technical performance and scouting. And Mark Gillett as the club's head of medical services.

## Penalty is a saviour for Yeltz after lead slips

**Halesowen Town 3 Goole 2**

HALESOWEN managed to snatch three points as they beat mid-table side Goole, who came from 2-0 down but were denied a point by Adam Mackenzie's penalty.

Yeltz took the lead as Tom Tonks threw the ball into the box and Iyseden Christie managed to touch the ball down then curl the ball past the keeper.

Then Halesowen got a second goal as Ben Haseley managed to run through the Goole Defence after a great through ball from Tom Tonks.

He slotted the ball under the keeper with ease and Haseley grabbed his 19th goal of

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the season. Yeltz kept pressing for more goals as a curling free kick from Neil MacKenzie flew dangerously into the box and Matt Martin got a touch to the ball with his head, but the ball just flew past the right hand post.

Halesowen then conceded a shocker of a goal, as Sam Pearson ran out of his area to attempt to clear the ball, but he crashed into Joe Hull and William Johnson-Cole ran past both of them and hit the ball from a very tight angle. Steven Wakefield then grabbed

an equaliser in what seemed to be a turnaround from Goole, who hadn't got hugely involved in the match.

When the game restarted Halesowen were incredibly unlucky not to be in the lead again, as a curling cross went into the penalty area and Aaron Griffiths managed to get his head to the ball, but it was saved well by Flynn.

Goole then had their first chance of the half, as Sam Colbear header flew towards goal, and Tonks denied Goole with a last gasp goal line clearance.

Halesowen just couldn't put the ball into the net but then were awarded a crucial

penalty after substitute Jean-Michel Gueyes was tackled late in the penalty area.

Neil Mackenzie stood up to take it, and he placed it perfectly into the bottom right hand corner to get Halesowen back into the lead with 15 minutes left.

Halesowen nearly got a fourth goal to put down on the score sheet, as Iyseden Christie slotted the ball perfectly for Elliott Turner to hit, but his shot just went wide of the goal.

The final chance of the game came from the Yeltz as Ben Haseley managed to find space in the box, but he scuffed his shot and the ball went out for a goal kick but his side walked away with the points.

## Casuals end run of Robins

**Dudley Town 2 Wolverhampton Casuals 3**  
DUDLEY'S excellent run of results was brought to an end by one goal from Wolverhampton Casuals in this top of West Midlands Premier League match.

Casuals went on the attack from the start and they were rewarded for their efforts when Matt Bailey headed in a Craig Love corner from six yards in the 17th minute.

Three minutes later Casuals raced into a 2-0 lead when the Robins were caught out with another corner this time Angelo Franco played a low corner to central defender Ben Evans who beat keeper Thomas Harper from six yards.

There was an explosive start to the second half as Rion Frances-Mills lofted the ball over Casuals' keeper Stephen Jackson to make it 2-1 in the 52nd minute.

Four minutes later Chris Henry, with a well-taken penalty, restored Casuals two goal advantage after a Dudley defender had handled a Chris Russell shot.

On 61 minutes Robin's Ashley Greenaway made it 3-2 placing the ball beyond Jackson.

## Saxon Wright is to face hearing

STOURBRIDGE hooker Scott Wright will appear before a Rugby Football Union disciplinary panel on October 30 following his sending off in Saturday's National Two North match at Chester.

Wright has been charged with punching or striking an opponent. He will appear at the Coventry M6 Holiday Inn hotel before a panel.

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# NO END TO MISERY FOR STRUGGLING DK

**Dudley Kingswinford 22 Harrogate 47**  
DK welcomed Harrogate to Heathbrook with the home side being without a victory so far while the visitors have two wins under their belt.

A minute's silence was held before the game to pay respect for the sad loss of Lou Evans, a long time member of DK.

After three minutes Ashley Oyekean for DK ran for a try but unfortunately spilled the ball and knocked on. However, DK continued to press and after six minutes Liam Marshall scored with Kieran Pinches missing the conversion.

Not long after Harrogate got on the scoreboard, through Daniel Matthews with Joe Rowntree converting.

Pinches was gifted a penalty on the Harrogate five metre line straight in front of the posts.

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Harrogate increased their tally after 24 minutes, thanks to Luke Edwards with Rowntree again adding.

Pinches then made good again with a penalty kick.

Following this Harry Bayliss was injured and replaced by Matthew Taylor.

Another Pinches penalty kick missed the target but he had redeemed himself later on to level the scores.

In the final minutes of the first half play advanced to the Harrogate five metre line, following an excellent rolling maul spear-headed by Al Francis.

This lead to a further penalty which was successfully converted by Pinches.

Harrogate kicked off the

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second half. Ian Langford returned for DK, following his blood injury just before half-time.

After two minutes Harrogate scored their first try of the second half. It was scored by their No.10 Joe Rowntree, who missed the conversion.

Almost immediately Harrogate scored again this time through their No.9 Daniel Matthews. The conversion was gained by Rowntree.

After 20 minutes Harrogate scored again this time through their No.7 Aurin Yorke and Rowntree adding.

DK substituted Al Francis for Dan Shakespeare. Harrogate put Noel Minikin in place of Lewis Minikin.

On 25 minutes DK saw Tom Scrivens score his first try for the side. The conversion was missed.

Harrogate re-establish their dominance by scoring their fourth second half try, scored by Daniel Matthews and converted by Rowntree.

After this latest try Harrogate decided to rest the very successful scrum half Matthews, and brought on Miles Lloyd.

The game was essentially sealed on 34 minutes when Harrogate scored under the posts, Rowntree converting.



Kieran Pinches sprints clear of a Harrogate tackle during the home game which saw the losing streak go on

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